



The Lighthouse

June 2020

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5

a note from your pastor...



Today is June 5. Earlier this week, on Monday, the movers brought their semi to 9548 Fran Lin Parkway and loaded it all up. Tuesday, all of that was unloaded in Fowler, at their parsonage. I am grateful that this move is completed. Now, to unpack it all.

I will be in and out of Hammond this next week, as I complete the work of ‘wrapping things up.’ And until June 30 at 11:59 p.m., I will still be your pastor. After this coming week I will take some time off and away, and unpack all the boxes that are sitting in 1108 East 7th Street, Fowler. If you have pastoral needs this month of June, you may call Brenda in the office – and she will make needed connections for you.

Today, bright and early, Ken Wheeler, your chair of Trustees, is at the parsonage making all things ready for the Tiedeman Family. He will have a busy couple of weeks! He is ready and prepared, and has great people lined up to help and do work.

Consecration of Pastoral Visitors – *a pastoral visitor is one who visits with the guidance of and in place of the pastor – in the hospital, in the home, on the telephone, via texting and email, and any other mode of communication that provides this spiritual care. This is a specific call to share the love and healing of Christ.*

These persons were consecrated in worship on May 31 as a Pastoral Visitor

Bob Brown, Georgia Brown, Pauline Luthi, Pat Mosley and Jan Yehnert

Bob, Georgia, Pauline, Pat and Jan have responded to a ‘call’ to serve their church in the service of pastoral visitor. They have received training and guidance. And now, in the space and time of worship they have been consecrated to service.

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ
are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ.
As these members of our community continue their work among us,
we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

We recognize you as pastoral visitors, who will visit with the guidance of and in place of the pastor, for the care of this Body of Christ, and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, we will be united with you in your ministry. May God richly bless your labors. **Amen.**

Words from a few of your pastoral visitors, their response to the statement, “Please share one or two sentences of your ‘call’ to serve as a pastoral visitor.

Pauline: “I just want to share the joy and love of Jesus Christ by using the gifts and talents God has equipped me to use.”

Pat: “The scripture calls upon us to care for one another. When we reach out to share the love of Christ to others, we are fulfilling our calling. Love God and love others.”

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Georgia: "I enjoy talking to and listening to people and letting them know that God's Love is always with them."

Bob: "To bring the community of the church to those who must be absent from it."

These persons will be sharing the love and healing of Christ with you!

Hospital Visits

As a reminder, if you or one of your family members is hospitalized and wish to be prayed for and to receive visitation, please call the church office 219-932-5915, Pastor Mary 219-741-9117, or instruct the hospital to specifically call the church office. Otherwise — we do not know that you are in the hospital! Being hospitalized can be a challenging time. During this time, visits will be made by phone or other social media. If you wish your hospitalization only to be known by Pastor Mary, your confidentiality will be secure as well.

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The Ministerial Alliance of Hammond and Vicinity

Saturday June 6, 9:00 to 12:00 noon,

The church will not be silent. Everyone is invited – you are invited! I hope to see you there!

March in Peace United in

Pray-



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I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this Sunday, for the 'drive-by farewell', which Staff Parish has planned. Thank you for the honor and privilege it has been to serve as your pastor. Hammond First United Methodist Church is forever in my pastoral DNA, for which I am grateful.

Please join me in continued prayer for Pastor Chris Tiedeman and his family – Pastor Chris also has a note in this month's newsletter.

*I will continue to pray for you and hold you in my kind and loving thoughts,
In Christ,*

pastor Mary

*'Called to love, lead and live wherever God sends me, knowing God is with me, loving and leading me first.' --
Jeremiah 1:7, 19*



To the People of First UMC in Hammond,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He dined with the tax collector and the prostitute. He reached out his hand to the poor and sick. He always came down on the side of the oppressed. And I cannot wait to begin sharing my faith in this man with you, as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ *for the transformation of the world*.

And, boy, does that phrase hit home particularly hard right now.

There are a bunch of things United Methodist preachers do as they move from one appointment to another. COVID-19 pretty much cancelled all of them – at least as we are used to doing them. Additionally, necessary orders to halt business and large-scale orders for folks to remain in their homes have created a once-in-a-century economic crisis – even as the death toll mounts. And now, as I write this, a new chapter of this country's violent struggle with and to overcome systemic racism is also being written.

Oh yeah, and we still have to figure out what in the world is going to happen in the United Methodist Church!

Even in the midst of all of this I am excited to get to know you. Where you've been? Where you are? Where you feel God may be calling you now? Hammond represents a bit of a homecoming for our family. For all of these reasons and more, we eagerly await meeting all of you.

As for myself and my family, here's the short version. Emily and I have been married nearly 20 years (July 15th). We have 5 children – Nate, Carter, Ella, Riversong, and Arlo – and that number is 6 when you count our adopted exchange-son, Sam. I am a graduate of West Noble, Ball State, United Theological Seminary. I have been in pastoral ministry 16 years, and Hammond is my 6th appointment. As a PK, this is Emily's 27th move (not really, but it's been a lot). I play ukulele and I love Jesus Christ. This is, of course, extremely abbreviated. I look forward to us getting to know each other better.

We would like to thank you for the warmth we have already felt from our new church family, and we look forward to returning the favor in time.

Until we meet (whatever that might look like), I will be praying for you, and we would covet your prayers in return.

Grace and peace,

Chris Tiedeman



Disciples' Daily News

A Special Covid-19 Project from the Missions Committee

Everyone that works in a hospital is a frontline worker. To support the brave continued local efforts of housekeepers, respiratory team members, nurses, nurse assistants, physicians, and so forth, the *Second Mile Giving* for June will be used to purchase a meal for every staff member at Franciscan Saint Margaret Health Hospital here in Hammond. We intend to purchase about 500 \$10 gift cards to be stuffed in thank you cards handwritten by members of our congregation. These will also be purchased through our Script program, to earn a percentage of the cost. \$5,000 dollars will be required to do this and we will be using much of the existing mission budget, which would only cover about 20-25% of the cost. We are in the process of initiating collaboration with Hammond Hyde Park and Hammond Woodmar United Methodist churches just as this note is being written. *This special project is our June 2nd Mile Mission.*

I, Katy, have had the inspiration to reach out to our community, our frontline workers, from the beginning of our Covid-19 crisis. Brenda and Pastor Mary have done the 'leg work' with Franciscan Saint Margaret Health Hospital in sharing our idea and to learn what is possible. We believe this is a big ask, and we believe and pray that we are up to this! Will you be a part of this special Covid-19 project for our community's frontline workers?

If you have thank you cards you are willing to spare and *also would be willing write* kind and encouraging words in a few, please mail them or drop them off in the church mailbox by June 28th. Please make sure to mention our church. This idea has been in the works for quite a while and we are so excited to finally make it happen and to see God working through our neighbors and us! We need 500 cards!

Financial gifts may be mailed to the church or dropped off in our church mailbox on the east side of the church. We will keep you posted on our conversations with Hammond Hyde Park and Hammond Woodmar churches.



~Submitted by Katy Province-Garza, Missions

Dear Congregation,

We would like to thank you for your donation as of April 30th.

Sincerely,

Jan Scheringa, Administrative Assistant

Love, INC



Am I?

Not sure where or when I received a page of 40 I AM statements, but I shared it with several people. One of them said that she reads it every morning and it is very comforting to her during this quarantine, which has been stressful for her. Therefore, I thought I would share it with all of you!

I AM...

1. A Child of God (Romans 8:16)
2. Redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalms 107:2)
3. Forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14)
4. Saved by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8)
5. Justified (Romans 5:1)
6. Sanctified (1 Corinthians 5:17)
7. A New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
8. Partaker of His Devine Nature (2 Peter 1:4)
9. Redeemed from the Curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
10. Delivered from the Powers of Darkness (Colossians 1:13)



There are many ways to use these. You can just read one or more and think/pray. Read the verse that goes with it or the whole chapter. It has to be your way to be meaningful, I think. If you would like, I will be glad to mail you the page with all 40! Email, write or text me at 219-689 -6505.

AM I thankful for your prayers, love and support as your Lay Leader these past years? Yes, I AM. Please do the same for Pat Mosley, your new Lay Leader!

Thank you and God bless you all for your love of God, love of others and your serving hands!

~Pauline Luthi (Retired Lay Leader! LOL)

Our newsletter may look a bit different here and there, while we are all living with Covid-19 and its effects.

Have questions?, please ask.

We will always do our best to serve one another.





Opportunities to Serve the INUMC Connection

The Nominations Committee of the Indiana United Methodist Conference is inviting all local church members to explore how God may be calling you to share your gifts of service with the Conference. Serving as a volunteer on a Conference board or committee in the areas of mission, ministry, and administration is an excellent way to get to know other United Methodists from across Indiana and make a difference for the work of God's kingdom in our state and beyond.

A wide variety of Conference boards and committees are committed to support and encourage ministries in the local church. I encourage you to take a look at the new INUMC Ministry Interests Inventory to learn about the ministry areas that are seeking volunteers when positions become available, from administration and finance to communication, church development, and leadership development. If you are interested in being considered for volunteer service for the Conference, complete the Ministry Interests Inventory at <https://www.inumc.org/ministries/connectional/committee-on-nominations/>. If you already have an idea of the capacity in which you would like to serve, that site also includes a link to complete a Conference Volunteer Form, and the Nominations Committee will be in touch with you.

If you have questions about any area of Conference or North District service open to lay persons, don't hesitate to give me a call at 219/322-2974.

~Submitted by Jane Harper-Alport, Church Council Chair
and North District Lay Leader

Safe Sheltering Survey



On May 21, all members of our church were sent a Safe Sheltering Survey to help church leadership learn how our church family has been receiving information and connecting with the church during the Covid-19 pandemic, including accessing online worship services. We also are interested in determining members' perceptions and plans for returning to in-person worship.

Thank you to everyone who already has submitted their survey. For those who have yet to complete the form, please notify the church office (email to admin@hammondfumc.org, or call 219/932-5915) if you would like the survey resent to you by email or snail mail. If you have questions or prefer to offer your responses by phone, please call me at 219/322-2974. The survey should take only about 10 minutes of your time. Everyone's participation is important to us, and we will appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Jane Harper-Alport
Church Council Chair
North District Lay Leader

Finance News.....



From First Church's Finance Committee, this is the fourth time that financial data is included in the monthly newsletter. For this and future newsletters, the aim is to provide you with:

- Some of the same financial data reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee at its regular monthly meeting*,

* Due to COVID-19, March, April and May Finance Committee meetings were not held.

- Comments which, hopefully, you will find informative if not useful, and
- Contact information should you have any questions or comments.

Financial data as of April 30, 2020:

	<u><i>April</i></u>	<u><i>2020 YTD</i></u>
• Current Expense (CE) Giving	\$14,006.00	\$76,477.00
• Expenditures	<u>\$22,017.00</u>	<u>\$90,911.00</u>
• Giving Surplus or (Shortfall)	(\$8,011.00)	(\$14,434.00)

Comments:

- First Church applied for a Cares Act: PPP Loan with our bank – First Midwest Bank. Recently, we were advised that our loan for \$32,615 has been approved and a check was received by First Church on or about May 1st. This is most welcome news!
- April was a sub-par giving month, and the year-to-date (YTD) gap between CE giving and spending has risen to \$14,434 (see above). For 2020 YTD, actual giving is slightly above the estimate and actual expenditures are slightly below estimate. Let's hope that both of these trends continue!
- In spite of the challenges for each of us this year due to COVID-19, church giving has been good so far this year. Your continuing faithfulness and generosity are most definitely appreciated!

Contact Information for Questions or Comments:

David Moll, Finance Committee Chair, at bdmoll@att.net, or cell 219-801-4111



Giving Electronically

Some of you have asked how can I donate online to the church. You have two options for using Tithe.ly. The first option—download the app on your Apple or Android phone. You can easily set up reoccurring payments or a one-time payment using the app and select First United Methodist Church. The second option—go to our website (www.hammondfumc.org) and click on Donate and complete the form.

With either option - you can select to give your tithe to your offering, the second-mile giving, or memorials (it will default to Offering).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Ward at smw1213@gmail.com or 630-624-1318. Please note that Sarah is working Monday— Friday and may be delayed getting back to you. Sending a text message is sometimes the best way to get a hold of her.

~Submitted by Sarah Ward

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Staff Parish Relations Note

Please join us for the drive by farewell for Pastor Mary this *Sunday June 7, 12:30 p.m.* at the east door of the church. It is a sad way to say goodbye to our pastor, but we can convey to Mary our thanks and blessing through heart-felt messages.

Pastor Chris and family will be arriving on June 17, settling in for a couple of weeks and then taking on the role of our new pastor as of July 1. He will lead the first service on July 12. Pastor Chris and family will be introduced *via* an online service once they have settled in.

During the period of June 14 through July 5 lay members will provide video messages each Sunday. Videos can be found on the FUMC Facebook page and Brenda will email an announcement with link.

Pastor Chris and Emily have started a special project, with which they have involved Pastor Mary.

Pastor Chris and Emily had a son, Carter, who they adopted at birth; Carter had cerebral palsy, and lived until he was seven (7) years old. April 16th is Carter's birthday; this year he would have been 15. Each year they do something to honor him; this year they developed a project to 'spread kindness.' Their request, is that those who are interested,

“‘Spread kindness’ in some special way in honor of Carter. Carter lived a life full of love and kindness. This act of kindness can be as small or large as you would like. Anything from sending a card to paying a bill for someone in need. Be creative and kind!”

We think one way to welcome the Tiedeman family is for Hammond First to be a part of ‘spreading kindness’ to honor their Carter. Therefore, those who are interested – plan *and carry out* a special kindness then *email what you have done, to the church*, so that it may be part of Carter's 2020 Record. Pastor Chris and Emily would like a written record of what people do to spread kindness in Carter's name. Fifteen packets were mailed to family and friends; Pastor Mary received one of the packets.

One idea is to plan an act of kindness as a welcome to the Tiedeman Family. If you are interested in participating in this special project, contact the church office!

A few ideas that have been thought of:

- provide a meal the first week they move in
- offer to mow their lawn once in July; or offer to rake leaves this fall
- offer to shovel the front sidewalk the first substantial snow of 2020-21 fall/winter season
- gift Pastor Chris with his favorite beverage; gift Emily with her favorite beverage
- gift the family with a Dairy Belle gift card
- provide a planter with beautiful summer annuals

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Helpful things to know

- Allergies: Emily is allergic to strawberries and Pastor Chris to bees.
- Foods: like all kinds of food, but NOT seafood
- Favorite restaurants – Panera, Fazoli's, Jimmy John's, Ruby Tuesdays, Wendy's,
- Chipotle and almost any other
- Chicken, rice, veggies, fruit
- Water, not bottled water
- Chris and Emily drink water, iced tea, Diet Pepsi, and COFFEE
- Ella likes Sprite, water, and strawberry lemonade and ice cream
- Riversong drinks water and apple juice and likes ice cream

Our hope is to welcome the Tiedeman family, to acknowledge a part of their family history, and to be part of “spreading kindness” in honor of Carter Tiedeman.

It is with a tinge of sadness and gratefulness that we announce the resignation of Karen Little as the pianist for both the choir and congregation. Karen has served faithfully and humbly for *many years* and has blessed us with her beautiful talents. Her musical inspiration in church will be missed and long remembered. The congregation joins in saying *Thank You* from the bottom of our hearts!

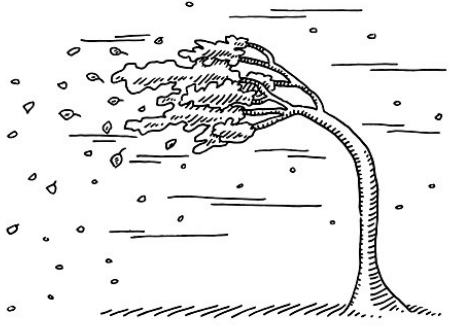
Jolene Aardsma will serve as an organist while a search committee works to fill that position. As the Corona Virus continues to limit our ability to connect, we lean more and more on the scriptures that tell us we are to be thankful for the many blessings we have received, secure in the knowledge that God is with us.

Be well!

Staff Parish Relations Committee,

Kathy Smith, Pauline Luthi, Pat Mosley, Joe Ramirez, Irma Mora, Jenna Province, John Schu

You May Be Facing the Perfect Storm, but Jesus Offers the Perfect Peace



All of the elements are there; hurricane force winds, a cold front plus a rain deluge. If you are a person of the sea like the disciples, together they all spell insurmountable disaster. But you need not be a person of the sea to face true disaster. Disaster could be defined as the loss of income, poor health, the loss of a loved one and the list continues. One challenge- not so bad. But when it rains, it pours. *Can you survive the downpour?*

The scripture has an answer for this question. As written by Paul to the people at Philippi, *“The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* **Philippians 4:7**. As you do your part, through prayer and supplication, rejoicing in the glory of the Lord, God does His part. He doesn't provide peace from God; He provides the peace of God. A kind of computer download: comfort, contentment, tranquility.

Paul knew well the peace of the Lord. He had a horrific experience while in transport on the Mediterranean Sea. Paul was a prisoner at the time, bound for Rome to stand before the Emperor. The ship enjoyed smooth sailing until it reached Sidon. There Paul was transferred to a different ship. The ship was sturdy, but it did not maneuver well in the wind. At a crucial point in the voyage, “Paul warned them, *“Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.”* But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship... Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind...” **Acts 27:9-10 and 14-15**

The storm was relentless and conditions grew even more dire. *“Paul stood up before them and said: ‘Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”* **Acts 27:22-25**

Scripture tells us that God sent an angel to speak to Daniel in his time of trouble sharing these words *“Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.”* **Daniel 10:11** Even as (Daniel) struggled for strength, the angel spoke peace to him. *“Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,”* he said. *“Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”* **Daniel 10:19**

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Like Daniel, Jehoshaphat so totally believed in God that he marched into battle with singers on the front line. He knew that the battle was a spiritual fight so he led with worship and praise. By the time Jehoshaphat and his soldiers reached the battlefield, the battle was over. The enemies had turned on each other. The Hebrews never had to raise a sword. The Edwin Hawkins Singers have a song that states "Don't wait 'til the battle is over, you can shout now..." And with God as his witness, no one knew this to be more true than Jehoshaphat.

Isaiah 40: 31 tells us that, *"those wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint."* Daniel saw that peace could lock the jaws of a tiger. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego discovered that peace could make the flames of a fiery furnace feel like a cool summer's breeze. Jesus showed the world that peace can cause a lame man to walk and a blind man to see. Peace has a place for you too.

After two weeks, a sunless sky above, tumultuous waves below, a churning ocean and a humbled crew, a lingering promise was delivered from the mouth of a prisoner. "My God has promised..." is what he said. "My God has promised." This, Paul said, I know to be true because, "There stood with me an angel."

~Submitted by Pat Mosley, Lay Leader

Recognition of 50-year Members

Rita Ashcraft	50
Wayne Barnes	50
Anna Barnes	50
Jerry Vestal	50
Vera Vestal	50
Bob Brown	51
Georgia Brown	51
Karen Little	51
Betty Merrick	51
Champ Merrick	51
Beth Moll	52
Jim Wind	52
Don Copple	53
Pauline Luthi	54
David Moll	56
John Wilson	58
Jack Yerkes	58
Sue Yerkes	58
Cheryle Seljan	59
Bernie Newell	59
Mary Seljan	62
Ray Anderson	63
Ken Wheeler	64
Dick Nelson	65
Phil Keckich	67
Lillian Preda	70
Jim Moery	83



Recognition of First Church Graduates

Bellamy Avina, Pre-K

She is super excited about graduating, and will attend Kindergarten at Johnston Elementary, Highland, IN!

Logan Malloy, Kindergarten

This fall Logan moves up to first grade!

Keelin Kizman, Middle School

Keelin will attend a yet to be named high school this fall

Grace Watson, Middle School

Grace will attend Hanover High School, in Cedar Lake, IN this fall

Jason Tapper, High School

George Rogers Clark High School, at this time, he is undecided as to future plans

Jenna Tapper, High School

Graduating as Valedictorian from George Rogers High School, she will attend Purdue University (Lafayette) and study pharmacy.

Kendi Young, High School

Kendi Graduated from Thornton Fractional North High School in Calumet City, IL. He is an Honors Graduate and star athlete in Football and Track-n-Field. He is also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and has received several Microsoft Specialist Certifications while in High School. Kendi was awarded a full scholarship to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL and will attend full-time in the fall of 2020 Majoring in Business Finance and Marketing, while playing football as a running back.

Liam Voorheis, High School

Graduated from Lowell High School, will be going to Purdue University in Lafayette

Sarah Ashcraft, College

Ball State University, BS, MS, EDS 2020, EDS in School Psychology.

Lawrence Mosley, College

IU Bloomington, BS Exercise Science with a focus in Kinesiology, currently enrolled in the Nursing program at IUNW

Gwen Stricker, College

Master's Degree...Columbia...New York, New York; Gwen's future plans are to look for work!



Sunday May 31 was a busy worship service – *lots of new life in the church!*

Newest Members: please join me in congratulating Loraine, Nancy and Jerry on this step in their faith journey!

Loraine Williams-Renfroe, 3600 Sheffield, Lot #453, Hammond, IN 46327
Nancy and Jerry Kolanowski, 1737 185th Street, Lansing, IL 46324



Celebration of New Babies

Lucky, born March 2, 2020 8#3oz, 22", to Mom, Scarlet Hoffman and welcomed by big brother, Josiah Hoffman

Giovanni Jashawn Hawkins, born April 30, 8# to Krystal Waters and Tony Hawkins

Ayana Mira Maini, born May 6, 7#1oz, 19", born to Ellena (Kruse) and Siddharth Maini



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

THE VINE FOOD PANTRY AT-A-GLANCE May, 2020

New Clients.....	34
Return Clients.....	352
Total Clients Served.....	386
New Households.....	19
Return Households.....	176
Total Households Served.....	195



Total Pounds Distributed: 7,702



Supporting the Food Pantry...

Many of you have asked, how can I support the Food Pantry? During this acute time in our pandemic, and while the building is *closed*, the best way to support the Food Pantry is to give financially. Supporting the Food Pantry financially may be completed the same ways we give our tithes and offerings to the church.

All financial offerings may be accepted through the U.S. Mail, using Tithe.ly (see Sarah Ward's article), or simply dropping it in our outside mailbox.

Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated.

Our Food Pantry has increased our standard hours during this Pandemic – adding Thursday each week, to the regular hours Monday through Wednesday. Jimmy Ortiz, Dave Armistead, and Roseanne Watson are staffing the Food Pantry each day, and have streamlined the routine, thereby reducing the incidence of infection.

Hammond First can be proud of the service these two are providing – not only being open, but also increasing the availability to serve our community.





HI KIDS! See if you can memorize
this Bible verse!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your
own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5



Thank you Church Family...



Dear Church Family,

I do not even know how to begin to say thank you for all you have done for my Mother and Dave and I over these past nine months. My Mom had a tough battle with so many reoccurring issues. She gave it everything she had and I was so very proud of her. You have no idea how much your cards, visits and phone calls meant to her. She would often comment that she could not believe how many people were always remembering her.

I too would like to thank you for your encouraging notes along the way and now your cards of condolence. My Mom could not be given a greater tribute. Thank you also for always stepping up in asking if there was anything you could do to lend a hand.

Our plan is to have a Service of Remembrance for her at a later time when it will be safe for us to all gather again. May God continue to be with each of you and keep you safe.

Love and blessings,

Beth Moll



Dear Church Family,

Thinking of everyone often. Getting tired of staying in, but guess we all do what we have to do. God will get us through this.

Stay safe and healthy.

Love,

Fran Carpenter.



Pastor Mary,

Don't know if you remember me, but I am Jerry Rados' older sister Joy. I received a 'Care' check from US government. My needs are not great, so I wanted to help out local food pantries. And I could not forget all the good things that FUMC does for its church and local community. So please accept this check in Jerry's name for your food pantry.

Your church family was very important to Jerry. May God Bless and watch over all, especially Cheryle Seljan.

Blessings,
Joy Gambino

JUNE

Birthdays 2020

Selena Camacho	6/8
Joann Harris	6/9
Dave Horn	6/9
Phyllis Preda	6/12
Nick Tompulis	6/13
Joshua Tapper	6/15
Pauline Luthi	6/18
Lora Ward	6/18
Heather Mejia	6/20
Jenna Province	6/21
Dick Nelson	6/24



We want to celebrate your birthday by including you on this list. If your special day is during this month, and your name is not listed *please let us know.*

Please pass along information about others in your household, as well.

Due to Covid-19,
we will not have a prayer calendar until
the near future.



Prayer Concerns

Jennie Baeza
Liz Berg
Roger Collier
Kathy Clarke
Maggie Foster Lerner
Sandy Kizman
Jerry Kolanowski
Cameron Little
Bernie Newell
Alan Piwowar
Logan Polich
Jane Schauer
Dean Seehausen
Henry Showers
Pat Showers
Robert Speck
Pam Stahl
John Steele
Nancy Steele
Cheryl Walker
Sheryl Walters

Our homebound and those living in a
residential facility:
Adele Gawrys, Don & Joann Harris
Jim Moery, and Beryl Puckering

Deadline For Newsletter Articles

If you are interested in **submitting** an article for the **July newsletter**, please bear in mind you must turn in your submissions to the church office by **June 20th** or via email at admin@hammondfumc.org.

Thank for your cooperation!

