



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

October 2017

Thirty Years in Both Directions

It is hard to place a value on the long history of Tanner Valley United Methodist Church. Methodists were among the first to settle in this area and the first bishop of the Methodist Church, Francis Asbury, traveled this area spreading “Scriptural Holiness abroad in the land.” Not every Methodist church has a history as directly connected to the Father of American Methodism as we do. Undoubtedly these first Methodists formed classes and bands, held camp meeting revivals, saved all they could so that they could give all they could.

Remember the old quote from John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” Honestly that’s not bad for a mission statement.

So from those early classes and bands, to the first cabins and churches, through years and mergers, we arrived at the three congregations who merged to create Tanner Valley. On November 1, 1987 we consecrated our current building in its current location. Our bell tower stands as a reminder of our past congregations, Mount Pleasant, Homestead, and Guilford, but it was far more than merely three! Tanner Valley represents literally hundreds of Indiana Methodists who joined together to do good in the world.

Now we approach a significant anniversary. This is our 30th year since the consecration of this church building on November 1, 1987. In some way this event doesn’t take into account the long history of our presence here in the valley. So I suppose we can think of it as a celebration of thirty years in many directions at once. All the way from those first Methodist classes and bands, to this present moment, and into the future.

On November 5th, 2017 we will hold our annual All Saint’s Day celebration and fellowship dinner afterward. This will be a moment to pull out all those old stories, and to dream. What does the future hold? Where do we want to be in 30 years? What is our God sized vision for the future. I look forward to discovering what God has in store with you.

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Sunday School
Sundays—9am

Worship
Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
7 or 12 pm
Check Calendars

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UMW Update

We had a UMW meeting last night (Thursday, September 14th) and we were all inspired by the program presented by Harriet and her daughter Sandy. Harriet explained to us how she had agonized over what she would present for the program. She was suddenly presented with the thought of the song "The Lighthouse". This is a familiar Christian song, no doubt you have heard it.

It reminds us that God is our "lighthouse" and if it wasn't for His direction and guidance where would we be? A lovely reminder to believe, to pray and to serve. Thanks Harriet and Sandy for bringing that message to us.

Our next meeting will be on **October 12th at 1:00 pm**. Pam and June will be our hostesses.



Our time for singing at the nursing home has changed. We will be singing on the third THURSDAY of each month. We will begin at 2:00 pm at Pine Knoll, followed by singing at Shady Nook at 3:00 pm. We should be done by 4:00 pm. Perhaps this time will work better with your schedule?

We would love to have you join us!

Nancy

Christian Education and Family Ministry

It seems like after the planning and excitement of the Easter Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible School that the Christian Education Committee might not have much to do, but rest assured, we are still actively working on programs for the rest of this year and next year. Your suggestions for possible events for children or families are welcome.

Upcoming dates for **Lullaby Nights**, our once a month Sunday evening program for kids, are October 15 and November 19. Encourage and invite any kids you know to attend! There were eleven children in attendance at the September Lullaby Nights. This was the largest group thus far.

Next year's **VBS** theme is "Sweet Shoppe" based on Psalm 34, verse 8, "Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!"

Our next Christian Education meeting will be held on **October 9th at 6 p.m.**

Finance Committee Highlights

The Finance Committee met on September 12, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall with nine of fourteen members present. Pastor Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: The subject report for the year as of the end of August 2017 was presented and reviewed. For the General Account (church operating account) there were \$8,717.00 deposits and \$9,247.09 withdrawals leaving a balance of \$7,711.71. The weekly average giving through 35 weeks was \$2,235.94 which is \$95.79 per week less than the weekly budget amount of \$2,331.73. For the Special Account, there were \$1,410.76 deposits and \$765.00 withdrawals leaving a balance of \$14,742.14. The capital improvement fund at the end of August was at \$2221.87. (NOTE: As of September 17th, the fund amount was \$2401.87.)

New Business:

Trustees: Bill reported that the air conditioner system at the parsonage is not functioning. It needs to be replaced at a cost of \$4800. This should be done this fall but certainly by early next spring.

PPR Committee: Nancy reported that there will be no change to Pastor Michael's salary for 2018 (per his request).

Community Rewards: On September 19th, Tanner Valley UMC received a check for \$129.68 from Kroger Community Rewards for the period May 1st to July 31st of this year. This brings the total received from that program in the last year to \$729.26. The amount received was based on the number of households (14) from this church who had a Kroger card, shopped at Kroger, and had enrolled in the Community Rewards program. There is no cost to enroll and there is no increase in the price of the goods purchased. In fact, the Kroger card can save you money. So, if you have a Kroger card and shop at Kroger, please use the card and enroll in the Community Rewards program. If you do not have a Kroger card, but shop at Kroger, even if only occasionally, why not get one and enroll in the Community Rewards program. It all adds up. The instructions are on a flyer on the table in the lobby. Pick one up the next time you are in church. If you need assistance to sign up for the card or to enroll in the Community Rewards program, please see someone in the office.

Missions Events

YES Home Meal—On October 19th, in lieu of a visit to Heart House, the missions committee will be preparing a meal to serve at the YES Home. YES stands for Youth Encouragement Services, a home for youths ages 6 thru 18, providing a structured, nurturing environment for abused, neglected and abandoned children. Watch for information in the bulletin and for announcements in church on how you can assist.

Faith Promise Sunday is scheduled for **November 12th** this year. There will be a guest speaker and there will be a lunch following the service.

OCC Week— November 12th also marks the beginning of OCC Week. Information will be forthcoming on when and how you can help. In the meantime, listen for announcements in church on the items needed for the OCC boxes. TVUMC will be a collection point again this year for other church and organization OCC boxes. Help will be needed every evening for crating the boxes received.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

October 1 Greeter

Lois Blodgett
Acolyte
Christopher Delp
Reader
Dorothy McCool

October 8

Greeter
Stan and Sue Sorenson
Acolyte
Christopher Delp
Reader
Barb Branigan

Ushers
Doug & Cathy Dorsel,
Bill & Debbie Robertson
GIC
Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

October 15

Greeter
Norma Skidmore
Acolyte
Christopher Delp
Reader
Kim Schmeltzer

Ushers
John Huddleston, Rich Hesse, Dave
Chapman, John Vandermuellen
GIC
Donna Morgan, Volunteer

October 22

Greeter
Barb Nead
Acolyte
Christopher Delp
Reader
Lori Blanco

Ushers
Bryan & Amy Delp,
Larry & Peg Delp
GIC
JeanSchmeltzer, Pam VanDyke

October 29

Greeter
Hooten Family
Acolyte
Christopher Delp
Reader
Larry Delp

Ushers
Paul & Tracy Meyers
Paul & Nella Hoffbauer

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

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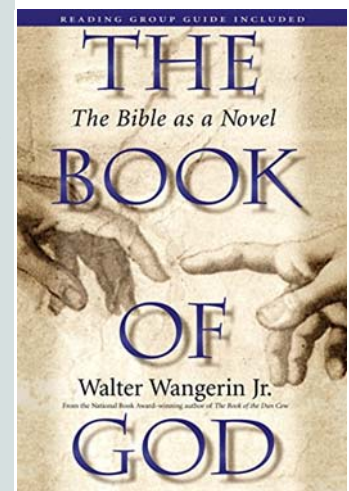
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New Church-wide Study!

In celebration of our thirtieth anniversary the committee on education is proud to announce a new church-wide study. Together as a congregation we will be reading "The Book Of God" by Walter Wangerin Jr. This book will be a marvelous opportunity for us as a congregation to study the Bible in an interactive and surprising way. Imagine if the Bible were a novel, immersive and imaginative!! Please sign up for a copy of the book. Sunday School attendance is recommended but not required as we will be studying this book as part of our Sunday sermons. Together we will discover the deep themes that find their way through the entire Bible. The author, Walter Wangerin Jr. is a Lutheran Priest and has served as professor of theology and literature at Valparaiso University here in Indiana. Sign up for a book in the lobby. Recommended donation is \$6 a book.

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"The Back Page"

...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

October 2017



	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
		6p Christian Ed 7p Missions		 6p Prayer & Communion Service	6:30p Heart House		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
			6p Prayer & Communion Service		1p UMW		10 Rivertown Quilters
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	2p Charge Conference		6p Prayer & Communion Service	6p Prayer & Communion Service	2p Nursing Home 5p YES Home Meal (tentative)		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	6p Lullaby Nights	12:30p Retired Teachers Dinner	7p Rivertown Quilters				6p Knife & Fork
29	30	31					
				6p Prayer & Communion Service			

BIRTHDAYS: 1-Peggy Dawson; 4-Barb Nead; 5-Molly Lewis; 7- ANNIVERSARIES: 3-John & Barb Vandermuellen; 4-Doug & Cathy Dorsel; 7-
Isaiah Gadlage; 8-Denny Schneider; 9-Mary Mitchell; 11- Denny & Mary Schneider; 14-Don & Pam VanDyke; 15-Kristina Brooks; 23-Josh
Jennifer Hanneken; 20-Colton Lewis; 23-Matthew Brackney; 27 & Christy Lewis; 28-Don & Betty Ziegler
-Bill Robetson

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5	Tanner Valley 30th	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	Faith Promise	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	OCC Week	20	21	22	23	24	25
26		27	28	29	30		



7p Missions Committee

6p Prayer & Communion Service

7p UMW

10 Rivertown Quilters

6p Prayer & Communion Service

7p PPR Committee

6:30p Heart House

6p Prayer & Communion Service

7p JMW

6p Prayer & Communion Service

6:30p Feed My Sheep

2p Nursing Home

7p Rivertown Quilters

7p Trustee Committee

6p Prayer & Communion Service

6p Prayer & Communion Service

7p Finance Committee

7p Christian Ed

6p Lullaby Nights

6p Prayer & Communion Service

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BIRTHDAYS: 3-Nancy Carpenter; 11-Henry Delp, Holly Honchell; 12-Greg Huffman; 15-John Vandermuellen; 16-Amy Delp, Nelson Hanneken; 18-Avery Wuestefeld; 20-Kelsey Offutt; 26-Karen Huffman; 30-Marlene Schmid

ANNIVERSARIES: 3-Clyde & Peggy Dawson; 17-Steward & Bonita Cline; 27-Maria Gosmeyer