



Greenwood United Methodist Church

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Greenwood United Methodist Church celebrates being a people called by God. We affirm our United Methodist heritage, proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and help all live according to His teachings. We are led by the Holy Spirit to be a caring, loving family in mission to our community, nation, and world.

Check out our website:
www.greenwoodumc.org

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
Church School 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.

Child care is available for Worship Services and Church School

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MARCH'S BILLY GRAM

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!!! With this exclamation of hope, wonder, and triumph the earliest disciples spread the news that a new reality had broken into human history. Jesus of Nazareth had defeated the forces of evil and death. God's grace and love triumphed in a concrete visible way. The only thing to do was to share this message with all who would hear. Why? Because Jesus' resurrection is the defining moment of God's loving action with His creation.

And you know what? This good news is still the reality that shapes our lives. This expression of grace and love in action is still changing peoples' lives around the world. Jesus' resurrection enables us to live life without fear of anything, without fear of any person, without fear of even fear itself. We are free to love even as Christ loves. Instead of looking at the world with all its horrors and injustice and giving up, thinking there is little that one

person can do, we Christians look at the world as God's creation and know that God's will is for everyone to have a full and abundant life. Wherever there is poverty, oppression, evil or injustice, we of all people have hope. We know that the world before us is not as God wants it. We know that he works through us, with us and in us to change things. Wherever there is fear of physical brokenness we Christians stand triumphant knowing that death is not the end. Death is passage from this life to the next life. God's love incarnated within us enables us to love the unlovable. It leads us to forgive where the world calls out for an eye for eye. It calls us forward to a new world order that reflects more and more the values of the Kingdom of God.

My prayer for each of us this Easter is that this is a time of rejoicing for all. The joy of Easter morning is not a one-day high. It is a foreshadowing of the excitement and jubilation of the Great Banquet. May each of us



Rev. Bill Hoopes

experience Easter not on just this one day, but at every worship opportunity throughout the coming year. Let us not forsake the opportunity to gather with our faith community to bear witness to what God has done, is doing and will do with each of our lives. Let us share with friends and enemies, family and orphans, guests and visitors the reality that God is in love with them. And how do we know? Because He loves us and calls us to a more perfect way of life.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Amen.

God bless

should it go
+What is it God is calling us to be and do as we move into the future

The only cost to this effort is that of your time. With everyone's involvement we should be able to leave between 2:30-3PM. In the meantime, let's lift up our discernment as a matter of our prayer lives.

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- MARCH 2: LABYRINTH TRAINING SESSION
- MARCH 4-6: LABYRINTH
- MARCH 6: LEADERSHIP FORUM
- MARCH 6, 13, 20: GYG
- MARCH 6, 20: SPROUTS
- MARCH 20: PSALM SUNDAY PLAY
- MARCH 27: EASTER SUNDAY

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LEADERSHIP FORUM

If you're a member of the Administrative Board, the Board of Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Memorials and Endowments committee and/or the Nominating committee we have a one-time good deal for you! Let's get together after worship March 6th for a light lunch in Suter Hall. Then we

have several items to explore together. These include:
+How we are organized for ministry: who does what when, who's responsible
+Show me the money: we've been blessed with a great Faith Promise effort and the where-withal to decide how to finance our future ministries. Where's the money come from where

WALKING A LABYRINTH

This week a Labyrinth Prayer Walk will be at our church, courtesy of Clarian Health and Pat Thorlton. You may pray the Labyrinth anytime during the following hours on March 4-6:

Friday	5:00-8:00
Sat.	9:30-11:30
	1:00-3:00
Sun.	11:30-1:00

A guide will be present to assist you.

What is a Labyrinth?

Walking the Labyrinth is like taking a thoughtful walk, going on a symbolic journey or pilgrimage or taking part in a religious dance.

There is no wrong way to walk the labyrinth's path. You cannot get lost - there is only one way in, and one way out - there are no tricks to it and no dead ends. As you walk the winding path, allow it to become a metaphor, a mirror for where you are in your life.



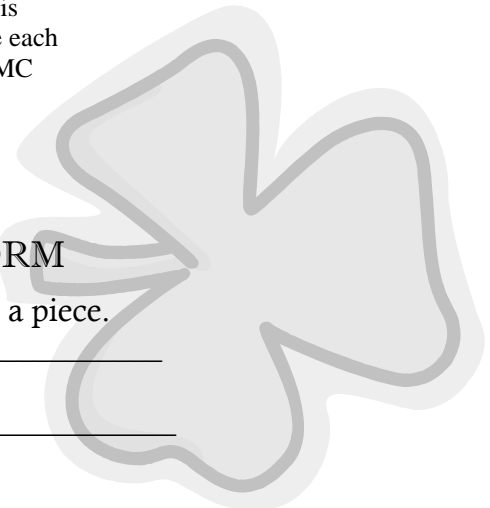
Walk with an open mind and open heart, allow the labyrinth to reveal sorrows, insights, joy, peace and healing, or just be present with God.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We'll be blessed Easter morning with the formal addition of five new members in ministry with us. Being baptized that morning is Emily Loper, daughter of Betsy and James. Now while you're thinking of it, write Emily a letter of celebration and welcome that her folks can share with her throughout the years as a reminder of her baptism. Also, Helen Brown will join with us. Helen is the latest member of our Chancel Choir. She lives in Franklin, having just moved here from

California. In addition Steve and Beth Boyce are joining. They are newlyweds and bring a wealth of enthusiasm. Steve has just become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Skillman. Beth is an aide for Congressman Boyer. Finally, the Penoff family will also become members.. No strangers to us, Dave, Julie and their children look forward to being a part of what God is doing among us. Be sure and give each of our new members a warm GUMC welcome. Be so bold as

to go up to them, introduce yourself, learn to match their names to faces and join in ministry with them week to week. Remember when we celebrate we do it how??? TOGETHER!!!



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I would like to purchase ____ at \$10 a piece.
Your Name _____

In honor/memory of (circle one)

Please have completed forms turned into the office along with your payment by March 13.



BISHOP COYNER REQUESTS HELP

...to rebuild the Methodist Church of Banda Aceh.

The latest report to me from UMCOR people on the ground in Indonesia is that it will cost \$150,000 to rebuild the Methodist Church of Banda Aceh. Having their church rebuilt will help restore hope to the people: it will also be a place for distribution of medical supplies and other materials brought in for relief. Please pass the word along to all United Methodist people of Indiana—we are invited to rebuild this Methodist Church in Banda Aceh. Gifts for this purpose should be sent to the conference office in each Con-

ference, marked "Rebuild the Methodist Church in Indonesia." 100% of your gifts will go for this purpose.

Thanks for your generosity,
Bishop Mike Coyner

Greenwood United Methodist Church sent \$931.50 to this project from Faith Promise 2004!



STUFF IT FROM MARY KAY ANTHONY

Do you spend your time buying stuff, looking for stuff, straightening stuff, or putting away stuff? Unfortunately, we all spend way too much of our time dealing with stuff!

Now you can do something about this situation. You can get rid of some of your "stuff" by giving it to the United Methodist Women for our third annual

Rummage Sale on Thursday, April 28.

Please begin going through your closets, drawers, basements, attics, etc. looking for "stuff" that you no longer need or use. Or maybe you are tired of some of your Christmas decorations and are ready to pass them on to someone else.

Then call Mary Kay Anthony at home (881-5419) or Tom Anthony at his office (888-7259) for information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bishop Coyner is sending via email devotionals to pastors, laity and friends in the Indiana Area. If you would like to receive his notes of

inspiration and insight, send a blank email to add@inareaumc.org and you will be put on the mailing list.



MARCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The 2nd through 8th grade Sunday school class will be hosts for the March 13 Fellowship Dinner. Since the lessons for these 13 weeks are stories about the wilderness the theme of the dinner will be "In The Wilderness". We will have some games and other surprises for you to enjoy so please plan on joining us immediately following the worship service.



Yummy Yummy!

Menu:
Salad
Sirloin Beef Tips in Gravy
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Drinks

Jacob Alesia, Nikki & Eric Bloom, Jamie & Bethany Cartwright, Shelby & Madison Dolen, Katie & Evan Griffin, Amy & Sam Hicks, Samantha & Mark Richards, Morgan & Mitchell Sutton, Jessica & A.J. Vleck, Al & Jane Stilley, Tammy Alesia,

GYG –GRAM

Sr. High YAC (Youth Annual Conference) was held February 20-21 at the Adam's Mark at the Airport. Approximately 500 youth and 150 youth workers/volunteers participated in the South Conference CBYM (Conference Board of Youth Ministry) event. YAC Road Trip 2005 was our theme which is based on the scripture passage Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." WOW what a verse! Not only does God know us before we are born, he has a plan for each and every one of us. The catch: He also gave us the opportunity to choose. We talked in three sessions over the weekend about how to listen and follow God's plan for us. We also learned the dangers when we choose to ignore his plan. Through Bucket Wars we collected over \$650 for missions. Bucket Wars are very simple... you have two buckets that you can choose to put your offering in, generally guys vs. girls, and at the end of the weekend you get bragging rights until next YAC. This year the girls were victorious. It is a great time to welcome new friends and rekindle old friendships. Sunday morning worship focused on diversity and was led by youth group members from Barnes, University and Scott UMC.



ARK PROJECT UPDATE- we are almost there!!! Our ARK is almost full and ready to float away with only about \$800 to go. We can't wait to take our ARK gift down to Heifer Ranch in June. Our trip to Heifer will be open to all youth entering 7th grade -12th / grades. That means you, too, last year SPROUTers. We will also have openings for adult/chaperones to go. Cost will be about \$200 per person depending on the actual number of participants and we might have scholarships available. *I'm still working on that.* We will also spend one fun day at Six Flags over St. Louis on the way home. Mark your calendars now for June 15-21st. There will be two nights of primitive camping, (no electricity and no running water) and a rope challenge course, so know your physical limitations before you sign up. See Jenny if you have any questions.



GYG will again sponsor the Annual Egg Hunt during Sunday School on Easter morning.

March Events:
Regular GYG: 6, 12, 20.
No meeting on Easter Sunday.

possible trip to Beth El-Zedeck Friday 18th - more details to follow

Youth prepared Good Friday service 25th 7pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday 26th Easter Vigil at Benedictine Center in Beech Grove 7pm leave GUMSMAC at 6:30pm and return by 10pm.

VOLUTEERS...



Do you have Volunteritis? The symptoms are a feverish yearning to help others, a warm heart of joy from giving to those in need, watering eyes of compassion, a lump in the throat when hugged by a grateful child and a radiant glow because you know that "God loves a cheerful giver."

If you have this condition, Fletcher Place would love to see you! Fletcher Place Ministries is one of the Metro Ministries supported by our church, and many volunteers

are needed to make those ministries a reality. If you would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Mary or email the assistant director, Rev. Ken Williamson, at assistant_director@fletcherplacecc.org. Here are some of the volunteer opportunities that are available:

1. Supplying, sorting, packing and stocking grocery items in the Food Pantry
2. Supplying, sorting and hanging clothing items in the Thrift Store
3. Serving clients breakfast Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings
4. Serving clients dinner Monday and Wednesday late afternoons
5. Teaching literacy or computer classes
6. Facilitating a Survival Skills class for men or women
7. Providing lunches in the Summer for needy children
8. Helping with Christmas shopping program
9. Facilitating a devotional/ Bible Study or be a prayer partner

WE HOST LENTEN BREAKFAST

Join us Saturday March 12th as we host fellow UM's from throughout our district for a Lenten breakfast. In addition to great food and fellowship, you'll be treated to an inspiring testimony of a life changed by Jesus through God's grace manifested here at GUMC. There will be a free will offering to help with food costs. Phil Jackson has further details and answers to any of your questions.

See ya' there.

Lenten Breakfast Schedule:

March 5 - Honey Creek UMC, 2722 S. Honey Creed Rd, Greenwood

March 12 - Greenwood UMC, 525 N. Madison Ave, Greenwood

March 19 - Smith Valley UMC, 5293 Old Smith Valley, Greenwood



See Don Pine or Phil Jackson if you have any questions

LAY SPEAKER/SERVANT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Basic A—How Lay Speaker/Servants Serve is the first class needed to become a Certified Lay Speaker/Servant (5 of 10 hours)—Chapters 1-5 of the *How Lay Speakers Serve* Book. Led by Donita Hiatt, Certified Lay Speaker, Christ UMC, Westfield (*An alternate class will be provided if Basic A or B have 20 pre-registrants by April 1, 2005*)

Basic B—How Lay Speaker/Servants Serve is the second class needed (final 5 hours)—Chapters 6-11 of *How Lay Speakers Serve* Book. Led by Robert Sharp, South Indiana Conference Council Director

Requirement to attend an Advance Class—you must have completed Basic A

and B courses at previous schools.

Advanced Courses

The Role of Music in the Church-This session asks why music has always been an integral part of worship and examines the unique role of music in the church. It looks at different paradigms of church music and the cultural contexts that give meaning to those diverse models.

John Wesley and The Methodists-Two pastors will share the historic Wesley and Wesley's ideas for the Church today after their recent trip to England.

Lay Speakers Taking the Next Step-Could God be calling you into Licensed or Ordained Ministry? We will look at our faith journeys, discuss the discernment process and steps towards ministry.

Biblical Greek: How the Holy Spirit Works In and Through Laity-This class will look at the original Greek biblical text references to the Holy Spirit.

Lay Speakers Leading Through Conflict Resolution-This will examine the spiritual underpinning of good conflict response, explores five conflict management styles and gives practical experience in identifying conflict dynamics.

Lay Speakers Leading a Mission Trip-Why Not Me? Why Not Now? Learn God's perspective on Missions, its history and how you can be an instrument of God's will in Missions.

If interested, please get a registration from the church office. Deadline is April 1.

BE THERE

Each year, United Methodists from around the world join together on the fourth Sunday in Lent observing the One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering is the corner stone of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and its humanitarian ministries. From helping those made homeless by floods or earthquakes, to refugees

devastated by war the hands of Christ are there through UMCOR. Your offerings help people rebuild their lives around the world. Your blessings bless others to rebuild schools, provide learning aids, drill wells and give the poor hope in the name of Jesus Christ. The needs are ever before us.

Prayerfully give as God leads you.



—March 6—