



On Monday and Tuesday, April 26th & 27th, I attended the Indiana United Methodist clergy gathering, Our Life Together, at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis. The theme of the conference was "Called and Calling" and invited us to reflect on our call to ministry and those who had been influential in our call and then to consider who God was calling us to help respond to God's call to ministry.

On both days I walked the labyrinth at St. Luke's. An outdoor daylily labyrinth in the neighborhood to the north of the church property is available year round during all daylight hours. Access, if available, is from the back parking lot around the rear of Luke's Lodge, down the steps, and across the foot bridge.

Labyrinths have been found all over the world dating from the earliest antiquity. Their origins are lost in the mists of time. The labyrinth was a central feature in many of the European Roman Catholic churches in the middle ages and many of these still exist today. The most famous of these remaining labyrinths is at Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France. The labyrinth at Chartres was built around 1200.

As I walked the labyrinth I was reminded that the design is based on the cross and that as you walk you keep bumping into the arms of the cross and have to turn around. I also experienced wondering when would I get to the center and the sense that maybe I had missed a turn and was no longer going the right way. And yet very soon I was making the turn that took me straight to the center. Having prayed as I walked, once at the center I paused and prayed. And then I walked and prayed my way back out again.

Our life journey may be full of twists and turns and blocked paths. At times we may be moving clearly in the right direction and at times it may seem like we are lost or have taken a wrong turn. For me the lesson of the labyrinth is that if we stay on the path and keep walking we will find ourselves in the center of God's will regardless of all the twists and turns. It is also the lesson of the transfiguration (see [Matthew 17:1-20](#)) we are not to stay on the mountain top or in the center of the labyrinth. We are to come down from the mountain or out from the center of the labyrinth to serve in the world.

Where have you bumped into the arms of the cross and had to change direction?

Who was influential in your spiritual journey to the heart of God?

Who is God calling you to companion and/or encourage on the journey to the heart of God?

Shalom in Christ,

John



May-June Reminder

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May...

2nd Shelby Murphy
4th Mark Clevenger
9th Nancy Carver
12th Earlene Harvey
13th Eric Schamp
18th Jeff Reese
19th Kalie Holt
20th Jolene Murphy
22nd Carl Baney
28th Florence Shelby
29th Troy Campbell



June...

1st Noah Holt
8th Debby Pittenger
9th Barbara Hewitt
12th Drew DeHaven
13th Fritz Dolak
14th Mick Phelps
16th Jeanne Richardson
17th Mary Rollins
18th John Young
22nd Larry Campbell
Herb Blank
23rd Norm Thompson
25th Della Stafford
Paul Wallace
29th Gladys Hunter
30th Ruthanne Watson



May...

5th John & Marlene Boyer
18th Tom & Diane Baird
Fritz & Deb Dolak
26th Joe & Sara Mitchell

June...

2nd Joe & Betty Speece
3rd Mick & Jan Phelps
6th Jerry & Ann Golden
John & Missi Young
12th Gary & Laura Shadoin
17th Barry & Judy Turner
21st Terry & Viv Jacobs
26th Harry & Florence Shelby

May-June Reminder

Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

Ron Brown for installing the new EXIT sign in Fellowship Hall and for his faithful attention to the boiler so we can stay warm in the winter.

Tony Collins for leading the singing and Julie Pittenger for playing the organ during the funeral services for Barb Strauch and Harold Grile.

Pat Brown and the Bread of Life Team for serving lunch following the funeral services for Barb Strauch and Harold Grile. Thanks to everyone that donated the food.

Viv Jacobs, Earlene Harvey and Kay Rankin for doing an excellent job of organizing and overseeing the new photo directory.

Florence Shelby, Jan Phelps and Fritz Dolak for faithfully preparing weekly lessons and leading our Adult Sunday School classes.

Judy Turner and Melinda Shocklee for always having activities prepared for the youngsters to do.

Everyone that prepared meals at the Christian Ministries Sleep Room and was present to have fellowship with the men.

Everyone that had a part in making the sanctuary so beautiful for Easter and during the entire Lenten season.

Many thanks to our Riverside family for the outpouring of love for the loss of my father. It meant so much. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful congregation!

Karen and Herb Blank and family

Prayer Partners
Will meet on the last Monday of the month at 6:00pm
In June, September, and December.

Ministry Support

Trustees' Corner

We are still dealing with leaks in the roof over the education wing. McGuff made some major repairs last Fall but had to return in March to seal more leaks in the rubber membrane that covers the entire roof. Unfortunately the leaks continue. McGuff is confident that there is water between the rubber membrane and the steel substrate. The longer the water lays in the space the more damage it is doing to the steel substrate. Our hopes of being able to delay replacement of the entire roof for a few years are diminishing and the longer we wait the more it may cost due to additional work that may have to be done. The Trustees ask for your prayers and support as we work through this issue.

Cardinal Greenway Volunteer Opportunity

The annual Great Greenway Tour will be held on Saturday the 31st of July. The GGT will be expanded this year so more volunteers will be needed and the best part is you can be involved even if you don't ride a bicycle. Crossing Guards will be needed to assist participants as they cross streets and highways. The new, extended, White River Greenway will be included in the tour this year so participants will be crossing at the High St. Bridge. Sign-up sheets will be available as the time draws closer. Gee, I hope the snow has melted by then.

Olan Mills Photos

In addition to the printed directory your photo and other pertinent information may also be viewed "on-line". Simply go to the Riverside homepage, click on "On-line Photo Directory" and you will navigate to the Olan Mills/Riverside home page. To view the photos click on "Photo Directory". You will be asked to enter the password that was printed recently in the church bulletin. After you enter the password click the Submit button. As you are viewing the photos you can enlarge each photo by clicking directly on each one. Information updates can be made whenever necessary so let Tom Schamp know whenever you need something updated. We hope you take advantage of this free service provided by Olan Mills.

Riverside Riders

Unfortunately the first ride of the season was canceled due to the rain. Our next regularly scheduled ride will be the 5th of June. We'll meet at Riverside at 8:00am for an easy ride south on the Cardinal Greenway. Breakfast will be at the 12th St. Café. Our destination is the Prairie Creek Trailhead and return to Riverside. The more energetic riders may choose to ride on to Losantville. As of this writing we will plan on riding on the 3rd of July. We'll meet at Riverside at 8:00am.

Church Clean-Up Day

Everyone is invited to help clean up the church grounds on Friday the 7th of May and/or Saturday the 8th of May. We will meet at the church at 9:00am each day. Bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, etc.

The Riverside Shopper

Alert! Alert! Graduations and Weddings are approaching and we all know what that means...gifts, gifts, and more gifts. As you're trying to figure out what to buy please remember to check out the great gift ideas that are available right at your finger tips. Simply go to the Riverside website www.riversideumcmuncie.org and click on "The Riverside Shopper". By following the simple instructions you'll be able to order great gifts from Rada Cutlery and Farmhouse Creations while sitting in front of your computer. You can even have them shipped to that friend or relative that lives out of town or out of state. Now what could be more convenient? And, Riverside receives a percentage of the order. Phone orders are welcome too. Just follow the easy instructions.

Father's Day

To celebrate Father's Day on June 20th we would like to have photos of the Father's of Riverside with their children and/or grandchildren. Please bring a photo no larger than 5" x 7" and we will post them on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please put your photo into a small envelope with the names of everyone in the photo on the outside and put it in the box marked Father's Day Photos. The last day for you to turn in your photo will be June 13th.

Thanks to all for participating.

Intentional Faith Development

Please pray for the following:

May 1-7	Supreme Court Justices, Senators, and House of Representatives
May 8-14	Steven Kreps (serving in Terre Haute)
May 15 -21	School and College kids
May 22-28	Missions supported by Riverside
June 1-7	Annual Conference
June 8-14	Our Church Council
June 15-21	Our Worship Services
June 22-28	Pastor and Staff

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 1Cor.9:15

"We know that we live in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His spirit." 1 John 4:13

Annual Conference 2010

Bishop Schnase will be speaking on Thursday, June 10th at 9:30am, and again on Friday, June 11th at 9:15am.

The Celebration of Ministry Service will take place on Sunday, June 13th at 10:00am. Matt Carder, Pastor of Commonway, will be preaching at Riverside that morning.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

May is Operation Classroom Scholarship Month.
We will be focusing on collection money for scholarships to go toward our
Operation Classroom Missions in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

May through September we will accept YES kit donations for Operation Classroom.
Items for YES! kits will be posted in May along with a tub to put them in.

COVENANT PARTNERS COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day will continue on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please bring your bags of supplies by Tuesday, May 25th for the next event on May 27th. Also, please see Susan Reno or Mary Schumacher if you would be willing to share part of your day on those Thursdays from 10-2 with the people at Covenant Partners. You will be blessed.

Habitat for Humanity
2010 AWAY WORK CAMP

We are planning our 2010 Away Work Camp trip for the week of June 20th. We are planning on going to Owensboro, Kentucky to frame a home. We will be staying in a church. We will also be doing some site seeing in the area. Owensboro is located on the Ohio River about 40 miles east of Evansville. The cost will be \$95 per person. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and help someone less fortunate to have a new home. More detailed information will be forthcoming as we work out the details.

The Committee will be sending additional information including sign up information in May to those who have indicated an interest in joining the group. If you are interested in joining the group or in obtaining more information contact Committee Members: Joe Speece, (H) 759-5017, E-mail jmspeece@aol.com and/or Nancy Campbell 759-9819. Anyone, including non members of the church, is welcome to join the group if you are willing to have some fun and do whatever you can to help with the camp.

We will have a meeting of the campers at 7 PM on May 25 at the church to make plans for the trip.

Community Garden at Riverside

A Community Garden proposal was approved recently by Church Council to be created on the vacant lot at the northwest corner of the Riverside church block. Jim and Bev Reese are the coordinators. The space is being made available so the people that attend Covenant Partners Church can grow their own vegetables this summer. Space can also be made available to any Riversider that would like to plant some veggies. Special thanks to Bill Pittenger for volunteering his time and equipment to roto till the soil.

May-June Reminder

May and June Hosts and Minglers

DATE	OUTSIDE DOOR	INSIDE DOOR	LOBBY MINGLER	SANCTUARY MINGLER
5-02-10	Rex Pittenger & Harry Shelby	Donna Pittenger	Wilma Carney	Pat Ashcraft
5-09-10	Larry Campbell & Rex Pittenger	Wilma Grile	Janet Schamp	Joann Ware
5-16-10	Jack & Jeanne Richardson	Susan Reno	Sandy Abbott	Jo Clevenger
5-23-10	Jack Stanton & Larry Campbell	Betty Lacey	Viv Jacobs	Terry Jacobs
5-30-10	Dick & Ruth Garringer	Sandy Hunter	Hester Mitchell	Sandy Jordan
6-06-10	Harry & Florence Shelby	Pat Ashcraft	Kay Farling	Cindy Miller
6-13-10	Bob & Fred Wallace	Janet Schamp	Odessa DeHaven	Dorothy Bowman
6-20-10	Mark Clevenger & Wilma Grile	Sara Mitchell	Virginia Sharp	Amy Clevenger
6-27-10	Herb & Karen Blank	Diane Baldwin	Florence Shelby	Wilma Grile



Having Greeters each Sunday is an important ministry at Riverside. If you are unable to serve when scheduled please get someone to fill in for you or contact Pat Ashcraft or Amy Clevenger.

A word from Bob Harvey on the Endowment.....

Just like the
"ENERGIZER BUNNY"
your endowment gift just
keeps on giving and
giving and giving!



End of Year Party!

Mentors and students should plan on attending this fun event to finish off another great year for Kids Hope! Come to the Ball State Student Center on Saturday, May 15th from 1:30-3:30pm to join the fun!

Summer Reading

Mentors, please see Barry Turner to receive your copy of the book "Seven Words Kids Need To Hear".

~Upcoming Training~

Mentors and Prayer Partners, please plan to attend this very important training session on Saturday, August 14th from 8:00am-Noon.

Car-Link is...Linking donated cars with working people.

Through the years Christian Ministries offered cars to people who were in need of transportation. For the past several years we have worked in partnership with TeamWork for Quality Living and the Eliminating Poverty Impact Coalition, to provide cars to help working people who struggle with transportation issues and who are diligently working to get out of poverty.

Remember, we can only help others when people give us cars. It is a very special time when we can give a car to someone who is able to do more for themselves and their family. We want to continue to make a difference in the lives of others through this program. Remember us!

You can help! If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate, you will receive a tax receipt and you will help someone take the next step on their way out of poverty.

For more information, you may call Christian Ministries at 288-0601.





Health Notes

Allergy season is upon us! Many people experience seasonal allergies, with symptoms such as: sneezing, runny nose, watery, itchy, irritated eyes, sore throat, coughing, and dark circles under the eyes. Many of these allergies can be caused by pollens, which are microscopic particles spread by wind from trees, plants, weeds, blooming flowers and grasses. The purpose of pollen is to fertilize other plants, but it can be the cause of mild irritation to outright misery for a great number of people.

Make allergy season easier:

- *Stay indoors when the pollen count is high (pollen usually peaks in the morning).
- *Keep your doors and windows closed during the spring months to keep allergens out.
An air purifier may also help.
- *Clean air filters in your home often. Also, clean bookshelves, vents and other places where pollen can collect.
*Wash your hair, where pollen collects, after being outside.
- *Vacuum twice a week. Wear a mask while you do so, as vacuuming can kick up pollen, mold, and dust that were trapped in the carpet.

What treatments are available?

Seasonal allergies have no cure, but there are treatments that can help lessen symptoms...over the counter antihistamines, decongestants or a combination of the two, nasal sprays, and eye drops. It is always a good idea to talk with your doctor before taking any allergy drug, even those purchased over the counter. He may also be able to recommend a prescription medication or allergy shots.

Health notes is part of a new ministry to focus on keeping Riverside well, healthy and informed. Anyone interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact:

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Sources for information: Internal Medicine, physician Derrick Williams, M.D., Maximum Living, The Star Press