

The MESSENGER

Metro Ministries, Inc. Lenten Breakfast Kickoff

March 9
8:00 am - 9:30 am
\$15 per person

Metro Ministries, Inc. in Indianapolis invites you to take part in an annual Lenten tradition, the Lenten breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, Christ UMC Indianapolis. United Methodists and neighbors from around Central Indiana gather for an opportunity to take a breath, regain focus on our spiritual walk, be in conversation with God and one another. Keynote Speaker Lis Pitcher, leader of All Worth of Love, will help lead this year's event, guided by the theme "See All the People – God's Love for All." Don't miss it.

Registration ends February 28.



Mon/Tues/Thurs
8:30am-2:30pm

Wed/
Pastoral Study Day

Fri/
Pastoral Sabbath

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Words Through Woody

It's very frustrating to give love and not get any back. Usually, when that happens, we decide that it just isn't worth loving someone who doesn't appreciate it.

Years ago, I read a story about Judge Clara Warren of the Juvenile Court in North Carolina. The Judge was known to be a woman of strict interpretation of the law. But, she was also known as a Christian woman of extreme compassion. In the juvenile correction institute she knew many of the inmates quite well. She helped some of them find a job after a previous conviction. She petitioned some of the schools to readmit several of them. She interceded in family disputes. Yet so many of those troubled youths were back in custody, not only once, but repeatedly.

The author of the magazine article once asked Judge Warren, "How can you keep loving them? They don't seem to appreciate what you have done for them."

With a startled look, she shook her head and said, "That isn't why I love them ... not to be thanked. I hope for them. I pray for them. And when one of them manages to stay out of trouble, I'm

the happiest person in the world. But, if that doesn't happen, well ... I just go on loving them. For you see, LOVE IS A GIFT!"

Love is a gift! Judge Warren has given me a great lesson for life. When I want to remember that God doesn't stop loving me, no matter how undeserving I feel, I often think of Judge Clara Warren. And the next time somebody takes my love for granted or doesn't seem to realize how much I've given, I'm going to try like Clara Warren and love without expecting anything in return.

Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel, "... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not the tax collectors doing that?" (5:46)

So, as we celebrate the day we set aside to emphasize love, why not make love a gift rather than a debt we expect someone to pay.

Have a Happy and Loving
Valentine's Day.

In Christ's love,

Woody

Happy Birthday

February

- 7 Shailynn Steeno
- Ashley Schenck
- 10 Tommy Ewing
- 12 Lori Divine
- Bill Ewing
- 14 Val Shepherd
- Virginia Hartzog
- 20 Jim Bandy
- 21 Steve Gray
- Rosalie Hunt
- 26 Debi Lane
- 27 Burl Bearhope
- 27 Tara Williams

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Why is attending Youth Fellowship important?

1. To serve others through ministry to peers.
2. To share one's talents in the body of Christ.
3. Provides accountability to peers and youth leader.
4. To be instructed in God's word.
5. Prepares youth for Christian life.
6. Develops an appreciation for the local church.
7. The group will serve as a conduit to share Christ with non-Christian friends.

Join us for fun & fellowship!

Invite your friends!

February 10th and 24th

After Sunday School -

11:15-1:00pm

~Lunch is provided~

Thank you to those who participated in the
Christmas Card Express!

A total of \$323.00 was donated this year.
The Youth will be able to donate this money to the
Hancock County Food Pantry!



- 4 Burl & Tammy Bearhope
- 12 Ed & Karen Clark

MISSIONS

The Missions team will be doing smaller projects throughout the year. We are still formulating ideas, so do stay tuned for more information.

We will continue with the Food Pantry for 2019, accepting both food items and monetary donations. The Missions team will also participate in Operation Christmas Child once again. Beginning in March, the totes will be available in the Fellowship Hall for your donations of school supplies,

personal hygiene products, and toys. We will host a packing party sometime in November. A missions trip to the Midwest Distribution Center has been planned for December 3-6. Prayerfully consider joining us this year. More details to come as the dates draw nearer.

Additionally, flower sales will commence in late February/early March.



Several positions still exist within the church's leadership committees. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please see Pastor Woody.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful throw, your cards, calls, and texts for the loss of my grandma. We love each and everyone of you! We are truly blessed to have a wonderful church family! Thank you for your prayers!

Love, Burl, Tammy, Channing, & Carson

*Love
One
Mother*

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Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 16th

Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

6:45 pm

Please RSVP by February 3rd

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& fellowship!**



\$25 per person