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## "General Conference"

General Conference (GC) is the highest legislative body of The United Methodist Church (The UMC). It sets policy for The UMC and is the official voice of our denomination. It takes place every four years and is currently being held in Charlotte, North Carolina (April 24 – May 3).

Delegates from around the world are chosen by their annual conference. The total number of delegates will be between 600 – 1000, with the Indiana Conference sending 15 delegates. The total delegation is comprised of an equal number of clergy and laity.

Long story short, General Conference is a big deal!

I encourage you to follow the daily proceedings and/or learn more about General Conference through our:

1. Conference website ([inumc.org](http://inumc.org))
2. The Facebook page of our North District – Indiana United Methodist Church Conference (our Conference Superintendent is always looking for more followers)
3. Denomination's website ([umc.org](http://umc.org))

Most importantly, please pray for the General Conference and the delegates who will be voting on our behalf.

In addition, our Conference Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy, will be hosting a ZOOM Webinar for all clergy and laity of the North District on May 14, 7 pm ET, with updates following General Conference. You **must** register:

[https://inumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_pCPoJRURSZyBdksmmXZedg](https://inumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pCPoJRURSZyBdksmmXZedg)

If you have any questions about General Conference, please feel free to contact me.

God Bless,  
Pastor John

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## You are Welcome here!

8:30 a.m. Traditional

10:45 a.m. Contemporary & Breakout (Grades K-6)

9:45 a.m. Growth Studies (Sunday School for ALL AGES)

**May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend) will be ONE outdoor**

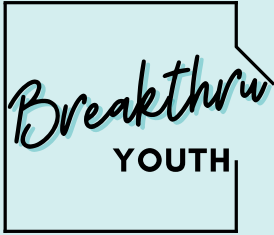
**Family Worship service at 10am.**

The first Sunday of each month is Family Worship. No Breakout.  
Nursery care is available for both services and during Sunday School.

**We live stream a full service at 10:45 a.m.**

You will find these through Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo,  
and at [www.FaithUMC.com](http://www.FaithUMC.com).

# NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY



GREETINGS,

MY FAVORITE PART OF INDIANA IS IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER. THERE IS SO MUCH FREE FAMILY STUFF TO DO AND SEEMS LIKE THERE IS A FESTIVAL SOMEWHERE EVERY WEEK.

I ALWAYS FIND IT FASCINATING HOW GOD'S TIMING IS ALWAYS SO PERFECT. WE HAD A GREAT TIME IN ILLINOIS LAST MONTH. SO MANY DIFFERENT KIDS HAVE VERBALIZED THAT THE MESSAGES AND TOOLS THEY RECEIVED AT THE IGNITE CONFERENCE HAVE HELPED THEM WITH THINGS THAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY GOT BACK. IT IS SO COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT GOD IS ALWAYS AHEAD OF US AND HAS OUR BEST INTEREST, IN THE LONG RUN, AT HEART.

WE HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED FOR THE YOUTH THIS SUMMER. NEXT UP IS A SERVE DAY FOR THE YOUTH ON JUNE 1st. PLEASE PUT THAT ON THE CALENDAR. PARENTS, WE WILL GIVE MORE INFO ON TIMES THAT DAY AS IT GETS CLOSER AND WE CAN SEE WHAT THE WEATHER DOES THAT WEEK.

I HAVE GIVEN GOD GLORY AND TALKED ABOUT HOW AWESOME OUR YOUTH IS TO ANYBODY WHO WILL LISTEN TO ME. I MUST SAY SOMETHING I HAVE REALLY NOTICED LATELY IS HOW SOME OF THE YOUTH ARE STARTING TO STEP OUT IN FAITH AND BE BOLD WHICH IS ENCOURAGING TO ME AND REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN BIBLE VERSE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF THE PRAYERS. IT'S WORKING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

**Deuteronomy 31:66** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

HELLO FAITH CHURCH,

IT IS FINALLY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE SPRING AND THAT MEANS MORE OUTSIDE TIME FOR THE KIDS WHICH MAKES THEM HAPPY. WE HAVE HAD SUCH A FUN TIME IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES FROM WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BREAK-OUT.

LAST MONTH THE YOUTH HAD A FUNDRAISER AND SO MANY OF THE CHILDREN STAYED AND WORKED THE WHOLE TIME FROM DRYING DISHES TO CLEANING UP. THEY CERTAINLY COULD HAVE PLAYED SINCE WE WERE IN THE GYM, BUT THEY WANTED TO HELP AND IT WAS SO COOL TO SEE THE WANT TO SERVE AND HELP, EVEN AS CHILDREN.

WE ARE GETTING READY TO START A NEW 8-WEEK SERIES FOR CHILDREN CALLED "PUZZLED" AND THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR FOUNDATION. IF YOU WANT TO LOOK THROUGH THAT CURRICULUM, IT'S ON THE WEBSITE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THAT AND THE CHILDREN IN GENERAL. EVERY WEEK WE FEEL THE LOVE FROM THIS CONGREGATION FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH.



## Studies



Christ caring for people through people

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you keeping up your gratitude journal or remembering to put God first in your day? Are you listening to God when He speaks to you or taps you on the shoulder or sends you a message in some unexpected way? God has a way of getting my attention, and recently it had to do with humbling me about accepting help when it was offered in Christian love.

In April, I was part of a team planning an event at FUMC for 65 people. We all wanted it to be a wonderful time providing an evening meal and a continuing education program for Stephen Ministers from several churches in the area. The Stephen Leaders met several times to plan the details. At a different meeting, I had 2 Stephen Ministers from our church offer to come early for the event and help. Can you guess what I did? I turned them down – right then and there. Of course, I did thank them for their offer, but thought to myself, “I’ve got this. I don’t need help.” They looked surprised, and the meeting went on.

When I got home, different thoughts came to my head. I know it was God speaking to me. He said to me, “Why do you think you can or have to do everything yourself? Why would you turn down friends’ offers to help? What if some of the people scheduled to help have something come up, and you find yourself short of helpers? What if the 2 people you turned down were trying to give the gift of showing kindness to ease the task on you and others? Or maybe they wanted to feel useful and part of the group by doing something positive. What if they might have suggestions that you hadn’t thought of? What if you discouraged them from ever asking again to help?” Oh, my!!

After talking to God about what was keeping me from sleeping that night, I later called one of them and apologized and then talked to the other person face-to-face. I explained that I was being selfish in not accepting their free and willing help. They graciously accepted my apology, arrived early and stayed late to help clean-up. It was wonderful to see our FUMC Stephen Ministry Team welcome others to our church for fellowship, sharing, and learning. It was also a great learning experience for me and my pride! I am not likely to turn down Christian help again.

This leads me to another way of Christian helping. Stephen Ministry is a wonderful service that our church provides for those who are struggling with much on their minds. We all have issues that are helped by having someone to talk to who will listen non-judgmentally and with a Christian heart. This is what Stephen Ministry provides. Do not be too proud to ask for or receive help. If you are needing someone to talk to on a regular basis to help you and, with God’s help, find answers and peace in your life, ask about having a Stephen Minister. We have trained lay people in our church who can provide this. You would be matched 1:1, a man with a man and a woman with a woman. That individual Stephen Minister can walk with you for spiritual encouragement to find the blessings in life that God has waiting for you.

If you are interested in finding out more about Stephen Ministry and if it is appropriate for you, contact Pastor John at 574-875-4438 ext. 105 or Vicki Shoemaker at 574-226-6903. There is also information on the bulletin board by the parlor, or you can talk to one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Shoemaker  
FUMC Stephen Leader

**Lunch & Learn:** Bev Radeline  
Every other Monday @ 11:30am

**Ladies Bible Study:** Irene Weesner  
Wednesdays at 5:00pm

**Veterans Life Group**  
Most Thursdays @ 6:30pm

**Men's Group**  
Mondays @ 6pm  
Michael's Italian Restaurant

## Sundays @ 9:45am

**Next Generation PreK-12th**  
Age appropriate teaching & discussion.

**Parents' Sunday School**  
We discuss a topic that's on your mind that week. Join us in Room 115

**Boomers - Upstairs Rm 603**

**"Fellowship" - Room 102**  
Our class is one which loves to share, discuss, and laugh!

**"Gatekeepers" - Parlor**  
Study: "In the Footsteps of the Savior" All are welcome!

**"Moving Forward" - Room 112**  
We welcome you to an atmosphere of support and encouragement for each other while praying for the needs of the group and the church as a whole.

## More Connections

**Worship Team**  
Singers & musicians of all talent levels leading worship during 2nd service. Led by Spencer Youngblood

**Bags to Mats**  
Turn plastic shopping bags into sleeping mats for the homeless.  
Wednesdays @ 10am

**Pickleball**  
Good, clean, competitive fun!  
Wednesdays @ 6pm

# Birthdays

- May 2: Linda Forgey
- May 3: Gabby Hogsett
- May 4: Mary Stamper
- May 5: Amelia Bowen
- May 7: Don Dorton
- May 8: Michael Huang • Sherri Stauffer
- May 9: Olivia Hogsett
- May 11: Pam Catalano
- May 15: Bev Toth
- May 16: Kelsey Cobb • Carol Gonyon • Christine Pontius
- May 17: Deb Brown
- May 18: Bob Stemm
- May 19: Jane Conwell
- May 21: Mark Hauger • Gary Secor
- May 28: Dexter Alber • Suzanne Hacker
- May 29: Ted Knudson
- May 30: Sharon McDowell • Jan Watson

# Anniversaries

- May 4: Scott & Vickie Hauser
- May 6: Dennis & Patsy Boehler
- May 7: Terry & Norma Alber
- May 7: John & Anne Brown
- May 16: Dave & Dawn Miller
- May 19: Tyler & Jessica Dew
- May 21: Scott & Jenny Hinman
- May 29: Brian & Laynee Hochstetler

# May Missions

**Loose Coins go to  
Church Community  
Services (CCS)  
Cart Collection for CCS:**  
Toilet Paper  
Nonperishable Food

## Stewardship Report:

Annual Budget: \$ 673,945  
Year to Date Need: \$ 207,367  
Year to Date Rec'd: \$ 218,271

Rec'd for Roof: \$ 105,590  
Needed for Roof: \$ 214,447

## Ways to give:

Mail (we collect mail each day)  
Online ([www.faithumc.com](http://www.faithumc.com))  
Text "give" to 833-942-1919  
Online & Text options can be set up as  
a one-time or recurring gift.

**Thank you for faithfully giving!**

# TACO BAR BENEFIT

Enjoy tacos with all the fixin's  
in the Fellowship Hall after the  
outdoor service on Sunday, May 26.

Your donations will benefit the  
Fall Henderson Mission Trip.

 Sunday, May 26 (Fellowship Hall)  
11:30am (Following the service)





# In Our Prayers

## Cancer

Andrea  
Scott Arnold  
Larry Bennett  
Julie Chesser  
Becky Cline  
George Gomancho\*  
Don Dailey  
Linda Forgey  
Brittany Gasper  
Mona Gorsuch  
Gary Heater  
Christina Hibschan  
Carson Honaker\*  
Serina Jackson  
Tim Kris  
Mark Latham  
Alyssa Lintz  
Betty Love  
Ted Mabry  
Scott McDowell  
Ron McFall  
Amy Miller  
Skip Miller  
Howie Morgan  
Teresa Null  
Cassandra Peters  
Ann Rankin  
Larry Seese  
Molly Smith  
Joel Taylor  
Kit Waite  
James Ward  
Deb Wilfert  
Wanda Wyrick

## Medical

Jaxson (8yrs old)  
Alex Alber\*  
Tonda Alwine  
Maureen Bellamy  
Karen Bohn  
Philly Bryan  
Tina Buchanan  
Josie Butler  
Allan Carlson  
Lin Cartwright  
Patrick Clark  
Lillian Comancho\*  
Chris Cook  
Alex Derenak  
Teena Dew  
Stephen Dinehart  
Don DuBois  
Kathy Eash  
Judy Essig  
Jeff Fecher & Family  
Sherrie Frantz  
Carol Gonyon  
Dwight Hamilton  
Pam Hamilton  
Dean Harvey  
Ella Hess  
Sherwin Hibbets  
Steve Holthouse  
Everett Jamison  
Angela Johnson

## Medical (cont.)

Remington Juday  
Ron Landis  
Sandy Liles  
Diana Mathewson  
Larry & Karen Miller  
Sally Miller  
Marty Morris  
Kevin Myers  
Joyce Parker  
Betty Plaisted  
Sandy Polk  
Helen Pollack  
Sharon Poole  
Jean Robinson  
Tania Schalliol  
Marilou Snell  
Stan Stevens\*  
Laura Stout  
Ramona Sutphin  
Kurt Teggee  
Linda Thies  
Hal Trout  
Cathy Van Huystee  
Steve Vermeulen  
Shirley Weaver  
Barb Weaver  
Tom Weaver  
Irene Weesner  
Dee Wegener  
Lisa Zigler

## Other

Persecuted Christians  
Our Youth & Children  
Our Church  
Linda Rupnow  
Stephen Ministers  
Susanna's Kitchen  
Kingdom Kids Daycare

## JOYS!\*

**Pray  
For  
Revival**

\*New this month

**Please update the office about those you have added to the prayer list. Thank you.**

**LOSSES:** Ralph Hilligos (father of Jean Hilligos) • Marty Morris • Pat Sharkey



**Military:** Josh Eash, Jr. • Chris Fisher • Stephanie Hempel • Jed Hendershot  
Caleb Toler • Vanessa Toler • Aaron Zigler • First Responders and Law Enforcement



### *Our Mission*

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

### *Our Vision*

*To become like the Good Shepherd  
for families and children.*

# COMMUNITY *Worship* NIGHTS

THE  
SUMMER  
SERIES

50 SMALL TOWNS. 1 BIG GOD.

MAY 4TH



BAY TURNER

JUNE 22ND



SEPH SCHLUETER

JULY 20TH



CADE THOMPSON



ALLISON EIDE



BAILY HAGER



JESSE LABELLE



CHARLY BEATHARD



IVEY ASHER



JOSEPH O'BRIEN

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