



Dyer United Methodist Church

...Where the adventure begins...

JUNE 2009

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Stamp Out Hunger
FOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU

To everyone who participated in and supported the 2009 Stamp Out Hunger™ Food Drive.



DUMC collects food donations at Dyer Post Office

Community responds to National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive

Late Saturday afternoon, May 9, volunteers waited outside the Dyer Post Office with a very empty blue bus and still others waited at the church ready to unload what they hoped would fill the food pantry to overflowing.

Much to the delight of all, as one post office truck after another arrived filled with food donations from the Dyer community collected by the letter carriers throughout the day.



Volunteers loaded not only the bus, but also many carloads of donated groceries to take to the church where another team waited to unload and sort the groceries...no small task.

By the end of the day 6, 720 lbs of food were collected that day. The donations collected and sorted by DUMC served not only our food pantry, but those of St. Maria Goretta and St. Joe's. Thank you to all who helped make this day a great success.

Food pantry need continues to grow

The weakened economy continues take a toll as we've seen the number of local families being served by DUMC's food pantry increase to 30. Help us keep these families fed.

Items especially needed are:

- Instant potatoes
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Corn
- Jell and pudding mixes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Muffin Mix
- Spaghettios

Don't forget Brown Bag Sundays

One way we can all help meet the ever increasing needs of our community and keep our food pantry stocked is to regularly participate DUMC's Brown Bag Sundays. On the **first Sunday of each month** we encourage everyone to fill a brown paper grocery bag with much needed food pantry items. In addition to the food items, the paper grocery bags are used to distribute the groceries to the families being served. If you have extra grocery bags those would be greatly appreciated.

Dear Friends,

Change is happening all around us. In the past month we have made changes in our staff, our church location, welcomed new members into our family, paid tribute to those we love who have passed, started new classes, celebrated the graduation of some, married others, and baptized new infants. I want to take a minute and share about a couple of those changes.

In mid-May, the Staff Parish Relations Committee decided to make a major staff decision to ask Bishop Coyner to appoint an associate pastor to oversee our youth ministry and to assist in the pastoral needs of the congregation. We are asking for a seminary student to join us and be available to lead our new youth council and their activities, make visits, preach occasionally, baptize, serve communion, officiate at some weddings and funerals, and assist some other committees. This would be a certified candidate for full-time ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church who would benefit from learning and serving in a church like ours. Our District Superintendent has already made some names available to us and an appointment of our new associate pastor could come as early as next month, or as late as September. Be in prayer for the individual God is calling to share in leadership with us in the future.

As I am writing this, I have yet to learn how the Special Church Conference vote came out about purchasing property and a new parsonage on 109th Ave in Dyer. What it would mean for us is that we have decided to relocate our church facilities over a few years' time to a 20 acre property that allows us room to grow. Or, it could mean that we learned that there is still some work ahead to make sure we find the best location for our ministry efforts and that we will keep at it until we have found the place God is leading us to call our church home.

In all of this, I do know a few things about change. It is a natural process of growth and faith. Change is going to happen whether we are ready for it or not. Change always has its moments of promise, and always leaves us sad about some things we have to give up. Change is something to help us become closer to God, and that God asks for change in our hearts and lives to become the children we are called to be.

So, in the midst of this season of changes, let us be able to celebrate the God of change and new beginnings in Christ.

Serving With You,

Ken

May Mission Moments

This month we were visited by representatives of two more wonderful organizations. The first was The Gideons International. Gideons are distributing more than two copies of the new testament every second. For more information visit www.gideons.org.

Christy Klippel, with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, came to tell us about her organization, where students & faculty are transformed, campuses renewed and world changers developed. For more information visit www.intervarsity.org or email Christina_klippel@ivastafflorg.

A look back at the month...



Tyer Matthew Moellering, son of Jacqueline and Jason Moellering was baptized on May 3, 2009.



Memorial Day Service

Those who gathered on Sunday evening found a way to honor their loved ones and those who died defending our country.

In addition to song, prayer, and scripture reading, family members and friends were invited to light a candle as their loved ones names were read.

A special tribute honored prisoner-of-war veterans through a beautifully prepared video created by Brad Puent.

Missions “Bloomin” fund raiser

The missions committee sponsored a fund raiser selling these beautiful hand-painted flower pots. Many thanks to Doris Walbridge for lending her artistic talents to the painting of the flower pots. These were so popular they almost sold out before the first service started. This project raised \$135 for future missions needs.



A special Mother’s Day gift

On Mother’s Day Donna George stepped out of her usual behind the scenes dance team role to perform a heartfelt Sacred Dance routine with her youngest daughter Kristen. They danced to the Mark Harris song “Find your wings.” Donna said dancing with her daughter was the best gift ever.





Vacation Bible School is coming

...and we need your help

Don't miss this opportunity to touch the lives of so many children in the name of Christ. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone. If you cannot volunteer, monetary donations to help offset the cost of running the program would be greatly appreciated. Vacation Bible School at DUMC is free to all.

For more information contact Vicki Polyak (219) 365-2857.

CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School 2009 takes your children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere! CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, you'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS 2009 Daily E.D.G.E. Pledges:

- God is with me. I will stay close to God.
- God guides me. I will follow.
- God teaches me. I will learn.
- God loves me. I will love God and others.
- God sends me. I will go.

CAMP EDGE DATES

July 27 - 31 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Closing program 10:30 am Sunday, Aug.

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Ice Cream Social following program

Three Simple Rules

Would you like to become financially independent? Are you having financial difficulties? Or, would you like to be sure to avoid problems with money? Then, this class is for you! Many are falling on hard financial times by unwittingly breaking the three simple rules. Anyone's financial situation can be improved by putting these rules into practice. Come and learn them and the biblical principles that created them. Starting Monday, June 15th at 7:00pm and meeting every Monday until July 20th located at Dyer United Methodist Church

Parables from the backside

Have you ever wondered what we can learn from the victim in the story of the Good Samaritan? Have you ever realized how many times the parables end with a joyous celebration? Have you ever asked what if God threw a party and no one came? If you have never considered any of these questions, but find them to be intriguing, then prepare yourself for a strong, thought-provoking set of studies. Starting Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00pm and meeting every Wednesday until July 8th located at Dyer United Methodist Church.

Mall of America trip planned



A trip is being planned for October 30 - November 1. We will travel by Luxury Bus and stay at the Comfort Inn Mall of America for two nights. Amenities include breakfast and unlimited shuttle to the mall.

Total cost of the trip is \$287 per person. A deposit of \$150 is due by June 30 with the remaining balance due September 5. The deposit is refundable if the trip is canceled. For more information please contact Vicki Polyak 219-365-2857.

Come ride with us in both the Schererville & Dyer parades

We will be participating in both the Schererville and Dyer parades. This is one of the best high-visibility outreach opportunities we have to publicize our vacation bible school program. Our parade entry will be based on the **CAMP EDGE VBS** theme.

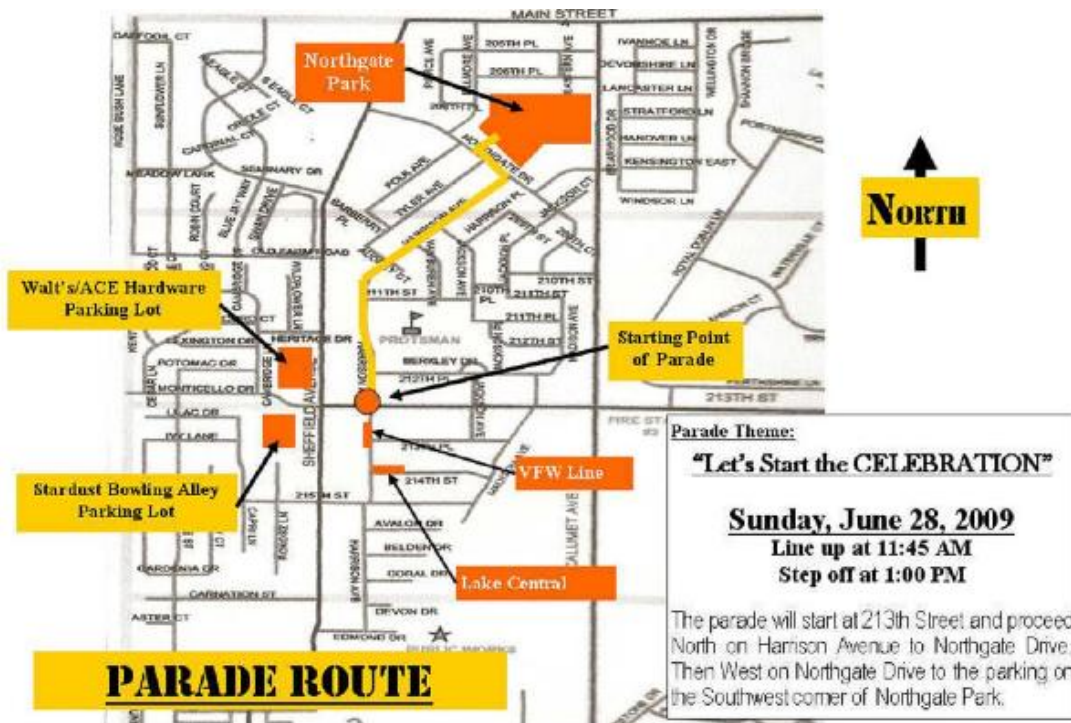
We always need kids and parents to ride on the float and lots of walkers to help pass out Vacation Bible School flyers and the ever-important candy. Speaking of candy, **we will need lots of individually wrapped candy donations to cover both parades.**

The Schererville parade will be held on **Saturday, June 27**. "The Spirit of America" is this year's parade theme. This year the parade line-up will begin at 4:00pm and the parade will step off at 5:00pm.

Dyer's Freedom Fest parade will line up at 11:45 a.m. on **Sunday, June 28, 2009**. "Let's start the celebration" is the theme. The parade will step off **promptly at 1:00 pm.**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Fellowship Hour the day of the Dyer Parade

Parade route for Dyer (will share Schererville's when available)



WATCH FOR UPCOMING FLOAT BUILD INFO

It takes many hands to put together our annual float. All levels of creativity and skill are welcome. We not only need those who can draw, but those who are more comfortable just filling in the lines.

Please plan to join us for some messy fun. The Friday before parade weekend is the day we actually put everything on the float. There is some construction involved in that process.

If you would like to help please contact Donna George at (219) 613-3580.

Thank You

Thanks seems just not enough. We surely appreciated your love, prayers and concerns of our Dyer United Methodist Church family. Our thanks especially to Pastor Ken who came to see Tom often, Ronna Taylor (Interim Youth Director), Cathy Millard and Pastor Tom of Cedar Lake United Methodist Church who came the day Tom went "On the Angel's wing" as Holly our granddaughter dreamed.

Our thanks for the luncheon and to those who served after Tom's funeral. We also wish to thank all who have donated a memorial to Tom.

Love to all,
The Tom Fizer family

To my church family,

I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love and support I have received. Your prayers, cards and kind words mean more than you could know. I continue to do well and am in very good spirits.

Much love and laughter to you all,
Donna George



DUMC College Fund 2009

We continue to be excited about our DUMC College Fund. It is a great way of providing financial support to our college students in addition to our ongoing prayer support.

Annually, we have a number of high graduates entering college in the fall. Our college students thankfully welcome your charitable contributions to this fund, helping them to offset some of their books and miscellaneous supplies.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this great support source. You may donate in honor or memory of a loved one. The contribution is tax deductible.

Check should be made payable to DUMC with "College Fund" noted on the check and/or an offering envelope. Please leave your check or cash contribution with the office or in the offering plate.

If you have more questions, please contact Brad Schwent at (219) 322-4449.

Thank You!

Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...

Nick Andre
Mary Ellen Arndt
Debbie Busch
Linda Crowder
Charles Fish
Melba Fixter
Tom Fizer
Rob Fizer
Rollin Flanagin
Robert Galbreath

Donna George
Shirley Green
Olive Han
Art Krumm
Puent Family
Marv Sadewasser
Jackie Smith
Eileen Stiemart
The McLeod Family
Our Service Members

Record of Faithfulness

Totals to Date as of 05/17/09

Weekly Stewardship to Reach Budget

\$7,555.00

Weekly Stewardship Received

04/26/2009	\$4,784.50
05/03/2009	\$8,432.03
05/11/2009	\$7,178.35
05/17/2009	\$5,944.90

Weekly Attendance

04/26/2009	- 207
05/03/2009	- 241
05/10/2009	- 219
05/17/2009	- 202

Upcoming Sermon Series

Sermons through June 28, 2009

Small Wonders of the World

This is a look at the three stories where the smallest and least capable looking part of the message was the main ingredient in allowing God's plan to succeed. Little things mean a lot, and small contributions add up.

June 7, 2009 Graduation Sunday/ Communion

Scripture Text: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Getting Wowed with Worship

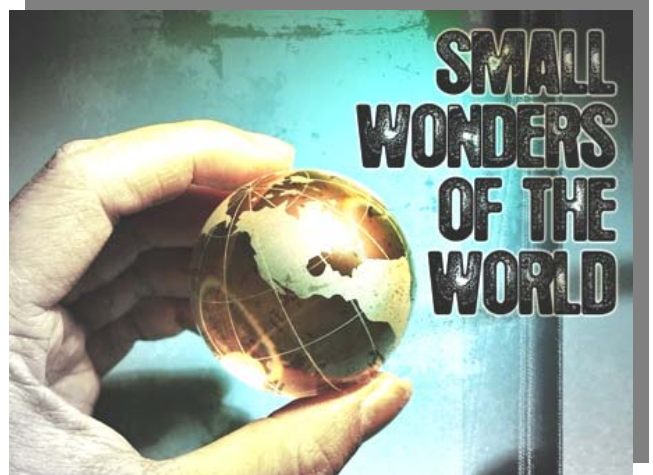
In his vision, Isaiah saw the heavens open and the angels praising God. He was touched – both spiritually and physically, and made a promise to serve because of what he saw. Does worship excite us into action? It can.

June 14, 2009

Scripture Text: Mark 4: 26-34

Sow Little, Reap Big

Jesus' teaching on the mustard seed allows us to know there is a lot of room for growth in our lives, and if we are willing to do it, we can find meaning and purpose for life!



June 21, 2009 Father's Day

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 17: 32-40

Getting the Right Fit

David needed to show that while he was little, His God was big. And after refusing the big tools to fight the battle, he proved the little way was the right way.

June 28, 2009

Scripture Text: Mark 5:21-43

One Touch

The woman only needed a touch of faith to receive power and healing from Jesus. It wasn't a pushy touch, like he was getting all around him, but a simple woman in pain reaching out to make a difference.

Here to Serve...

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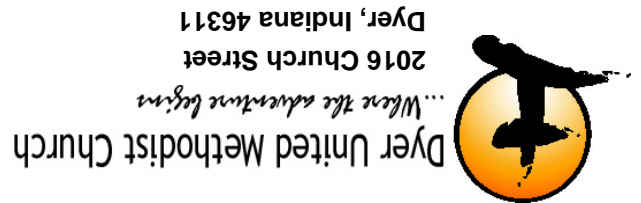
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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer need that you would like to add to the prayer chain, please call the church office, Cathy Millard at 365-3954 or send an email to Roseann Piercy at: rr_piercy@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming Events

Priorities of Dyer United Methodist Church

**#1 To Give Glory
To Christ and
Build His Kingdom
In All That We Do.**

**#2 To Serve and Reach Out In
Love To Those Outside The
Body Of Christ.**

**#3 To Love, Support and Serve
Those In Our
Church Family In Order
To Raise Up Disciples
of Jesus Christ.**

Graduation Sunday	Sunday, June 7
Father's Day	Sunday, June 21
Schererville Parade	Saturday, June 27
Dyer Parade	Sunday, June 28
Vacation Bible School	July 27 thru July 31