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Dear Friends,

Who was your earliest friend?

For most of us, I'm assuming that it was somewhere in preschool or kindergarten, or maybe a friend from the neighborhood. Our parents were probably friends with their parents, or we met in the same class or playing outside together, and there likely wasn't a formal agreement; "you will now be my friend, and I will now be your friend". It happens organically when we are children.

I've had great joy in hearing Magnolia come home from preschool (just a short month away from kindergarten, AH!) and tell me about Evelyn and Sean and the other kids in her class and what fun things they did that day. Making friends when you're a kid seems so much easier doesn't it?

So what happens?

As I've been pondering this, I've realized that I don't have a deep connection with my earliest friends, and my friend group is significantly less diverse than it was so long ago. Yes, it is true that we tend to gravitate toward those who are in similar life stages to ours, but wouldn't it be great to be as open to friendship as our little ones are?

Our church, the place where we worship the God of EVERYONE, sits in a neighborhood that most of us don't call home. Our neighbors (the ones Jesus calls us to love) might not be in the same stages of life as we are. They might not have the same values or morals that we do. But here we are. Called to love our neighbors.

And here is the potential problem. How do we love our neighbors? Often times loving our neighbors looks much different than the way we love our friends. Loving our neighbors can sometimes look more like a kid on a paper route, throwing the paper from the back of her bike so she doesn't have to climb the stairs to the front door, than it does loving our friends who we journey with through good times and bad.

What if Jesus is calling us to love our neighbors the way we love our friends?

I'm not sure that I have an answer to this question, but I have a sneaking suspicion God wants us to get our hands dirty, to be in relationship.

My kids have been watching Toy Story lately, and Toy Story 4 is out now, so I've had the words of Randy Newman stuck in my head... What if God wants us to love our neighbors like this:

You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
When the road looks rough ahead
And you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed
You just remember what your old pal said
Boy, you've got a friend in me
Yeah, you've got a friend in me

Grace and Peace, Ryan



Monthly Mission Focus

July Mission Giving

Our mission focus for the month of July will be the Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, Indiana. Check out the display at the front of the sanctuary or go to childrenshome.net to find out more about the programs this facility offers to struggling children and their families. Donations may be placed in the mission offering envelopes found in each pew.

Brown Street UMC Office Schedule

The Brown Street UMC office will be closed July 1-5. Pastor Ryan will be on a youth mission trip to Detroit, Michigan and Kathy McClannen will be on vacation. If pastoral care is needed during that time contact Pastor Curt Hunt at Grace UMC (765-447-4152)



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

For July we're going on another adventure to Delphi. Please join us at the Stonehouse at 6:00 on Thursday July 25. RSVPs are needed no later than noon, Monday July 22. Contact Sandy Leill with questions, sleill@hotmail.com or 765-447-3130. If you're interested in carpooling please let her know. Hope to see you there.



SHARE GARDEN TIME!

I'm excited to announce that Mary Jo Bartolacci has volunteered to be the assistant coordinator of our gardens. Her first mission is to build a list of volunteers to not only maintain the gardens but to also build a stronger relationship with our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our team. God called us to love our neighbors. This is a great way to do so. Mary Jo can be reached by call or text at 765-430-4010.

Our gardens have been planted, we have mini cucumbers, squash and zucchini, blooms on our green beans, lettuce, kale, spinach, chard and kohlrabi ready to pick and carrots and beets that will be ready soon. Our first crop of radishes have been harvested and a second crop is being planted. We will soon be receiving a crop of pollinator bee cocoons through Grow Local. The bee house is located in the east side of the gardens in the bed with all the sunflowers. Stop and check them out but please don't touch or disturb them. They do not sting unless they are provoked but they are busy building their nests and laying their eggs. For more information about our bees you can visit our bee lady at <http://www.beesgonewild.net/>.



“Forto be **FREE** is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the **FREEDOM** of others.”

Nelson Mandela



BACK TO SCHOOL COOK-OUT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Sunday, August 4
at Noon
in the Church Yard**

Join us on August 4th at 12:00 noon for hot dogs and ice cream! After worship we will join outside for a bit of food and fun as we recognize our kids who are heading back to school!

GARDEN CAMP REPORT

What an amazing week we had at this year's Garden Camp! We served over 30 children and had over 25 amazing adults help us this year! Each night we learned how to grow food for our neighbors, grow by eating healthy food, and grow in our relationship with God!

We learned that we all need a firm foundation, just like our plants need good soil! We learned that worms do hard work to keep our soil full of nutrients and we can show and grow our faith by the way we practice loving our neighbors. Working hard like worms!

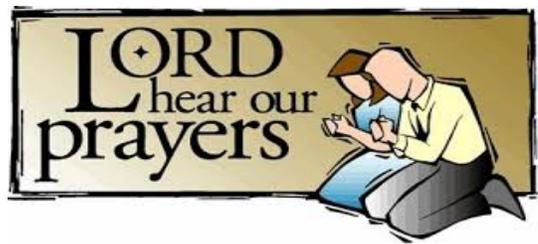
We learned that when we need help, we can reach to God through prayer just like plants reach toward the sun!

We learned that we can carry the good news to our neighbors just like bees carry pollen!

At the end of the week parents, guardians, and grandparents came to watch and enjoy the hard work all of our kids did to learn their lines and songs in the musical: "Herbie and the Good News Garden". We want to thank everyone who helped us this year from meal prep to crafts to music to gardening! THANK YOU! Now get some rest!



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Our church community is praying for:

Our Bishop, Julius Trimble
 Our District Superintendent, Lore Blinn Gibson
 Brown Street UMC - Strength in Community
 For our friends in our local neighborhood and extended community

Some of life's experiences demand extra prayer, care, compassion and attention. For those named below who are experiencing a particular hardship at this time, we pray for God's love, mercy and grace to sustain them and carry them to higher ground.

Carol Rechkemmer
 Josh Folk

May all those named below know of God's presence to be made known in compassionate care, healing and strength for what continues to challenge them. May they be strengthened by hope and by our love.

Cindy Brazzel
 Leroy & Esther Cheesman (Steve Albertson's parents)
 Judy Culp
 Marsha Davis (Kay Hardesty's niece)
 Joni Davis (Kay Hardesty's niece)
 Kay Hardesty
 Tiffany Hardesty and family
 Joyce Hertel
 Becky Holst
 Artie Johnson (Vickie Hardesty's mother)
 Roy Johnson (Vickie Hardesty's uncle)
 Gilberta King
 Phyllis LaFon
 Mary Bell Lawler (Kay Hardesty's friend)
 Arlyn Leap
 Bob Nault (Sally Bowman's son)
 Carol Rechkemmer
 Nesta Reseigh
 Stephanie Simms
 Roxie Smith (Kay Hardesty's aunt)
 Mary Troxel
 Alice Walton (Cindy Brazzel's mother)

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jan Albertson
- 11 Lyle Rupp
- 14 Barb Marshall
- 14 Justin Hardesty
- 22 Eli Swank
- 24 Kristen Bloom
- 25 Marsha Kuebler
- 26 Autumn Farrell
- 29 John Hardesty
- 31 Steve Albertson

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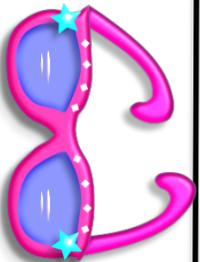


JULY USHERS

- July 7 Roger McClannen
- July 14 Dick Leill
- July 21 Bill Adkins & Jim Eberle
- July 28 Don Baumis

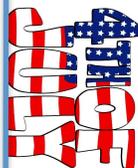
JULY NURSERY WORKERS

- July 7 No Volunteer
- July 14 Kathy McClannen
- July 21 Sandy Leill
- July 28 AJ Hardesty



JULY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Pastor Ryan in Detroit on youth group mission trip 7/1-7/5	3	4 	5	6
	7:30pm AA Meeting	7:30pm AA Meeting	7:30pm AA Meeting	7:30pm AA Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7:30pm AA Meeting	6:30pm The Practice	7:30pm AA Meeting			
14 Coffee & Fellowship 	15	16	17	18	19	20
	7:30pm AA Meeting	6:30pm Ad Bd Mtg 6:30pm The Practice	7:30pm AA Meeting			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	7:30pm AA Meeting	Noon – RSVPs for FFF due 6:30pm The Practice	7:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm FFF at Stonehouse in Delphi		
28	29	30	31	Worship Schedule: 9:00am Brown Street Sunday School 10:30am Brown Street Worship Every Tuesday 6:30pm Study, Communion & Worship		
	7:30pm AA Meeting	6:30pm The Practice	7:30pm AA Meeting			



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Be Still, & know
THAT
I AM GOD.

PSALM 46:10

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