

The Messenger

June 2025

Darlington United Methodist Church

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Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Vision: By being a visible sign of restoration and hope in this community

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

Of Shepherd's Sharing:

United In Christ

The principle of "reaping what you sow" is a core theme in the Bible, emphasized in Galatians 6:7-9. This passage states, **"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."**

There is a process of sowing and reaping that transcends all of our lives. We are always sowing, but are we sowing good or bad things? The idea is that our actions and choices, like sowing seeds, will lead to specific outcomes, which is our harvest. If we focus on pleasing our own desires, we will likely reap destruction or negative consequences. Conversely, if we focus on pleasing the Spirit, we will reap positive results, including eternal life. God's nature is unchanging. The Bible emphasizes that God is not mocked; what we do will have consequences, both in this life and the life to come.

I enjoy the spring season in rural Indiana because I like seeing the farmers working in their fields sowing their crops with those huge planters! Just as a farmer is sowing seeds in their fields, they do so expecting to collect a harvest, but it isn't immediate. I felt the Holy Spirit speak to me a thought..." Some of my people are sowing but immediately hop in their combine to try and reap what they sowed. But when we sow, there HAS to be a growing season. Just because a person sows, doesn't mean it can be reaped quickly." That is so true. We need to allow the Spirit to do the work before we harvest. God knows what is needed to make the crops grow.

June is the midpoint of the year. We have done a lot of good ministry for the Kingdom of God in Darlington and Colfax and have sown good seed. But we aren't finished, the job isn't done. We will continue to sow the love of Jesus into our communities, families, workplaces, etc., with the expectation that we will see God move in peoples lives. For when we sow the goodness of God into people, this passage reminds us to keep persevering to do good, not give up, because the harvest IS coming. This is why it is so important to stay connected to church. We support and encourage each other. We are a part of something bigger and aren't all alone in the world.

The Council of Bishops recently updated the churches vision statement to say: "The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."

May we sow seeds with the Holy Spirit guiding us as we focus on making disciples of Christ...and as we sow let us love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. The Lord will draw in the harvest when it is time. All He asks of us is that we sow faithfully unto Him.

Be blessed and let's continue to be UNITED IN CHRIST as we move into the last half of 2025! A lot of good things are going to be happening. It is an exciting time!

~Pastor David

*In-Person Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time - 10:00 a.m.*

June 2025

Scripture Reading

June 1, 2025, 7th Sunday after Easter

Acts 1:1-11 – Ascension of Our Lord

Psalms 97 and Psalm 133

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Sermon: Unity – UM Unified in Christ

June 8, 2025, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sermon: Leadership of Holy Spirit

June 15, 2025, Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Sermon: How the Trinity Works in Us

June 22, 2025, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Isaiah 65:1-9 and **Psalm 42 and 43**

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: The God Who Shows Up For Us

June 29, 2025, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: Mentor and Mentee

Pastor Dave's Office Hours

Pastor Dave's Office Hours will be

Wednesday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

or by appointment.

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June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all our members and friends who have birthdays or anniversaries this month. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God lead you and guide you always.

**Long life is in your right hand;
in your left hand are riches and honor.**
Proverbs 3:16

Dates to Remember

D-Day	June 6
Pentecost	June 8
Ad Council – 6 p.m.	June 9
Flag Day	June 14
Trinity Sunday	June 15
Father's Day	June 15
Summer Solstice	June 20
Ad Council – 6 p.m.	August 11
Church Basement Rented for Shower	August 23
Church Rented for Rehearsal Dinner	September 26
Church Rented for Wedding	September 27

Silly Dates to Remember

Repeat Day	June 3
Hot Air Balloon Day	June 5
Donald Duck Day	June 9
Ballpoint Pen Day	June 10
Red Rose Day	June 12
Weed Your Garden Day	June 13
Go Fishing Day	June 18
National Pink Day	June 23
Beautician's Day	June 26
National Orange Blossom Day	June 27

Announcements for the Bulletin

Please contact Dustin Gardner at 317-220-7667 or dustin-gardner@gmail.com by Wednesday, if you need any announcement included in the bulletin on the following Sunday morning.



Wheelchair Available

If anyone is in need of a wheelchair to get from the Lift Chair to the pew, one is available in the vestibule. Please ask and it will be made available to you. Thank You.

**Whoever loves pleasure will suffer want;...
Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness
will find life and honor. Proverbs 21:17, 21**

*The American flag unites
every man and woman;
it is the strongest symbol
of democracy and freedom.
Happy Flag Day!"*
– Anonymous



What's Coming Up . . .

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study



Hello to all the ladies out there who like to study the Word!

There is always something new going on in our Bible study group on **Wednesday mornings at 9:00**. We continue to meet, study, discuss and learn. Currently we are meeting in the fellowship hall upstairs, but we will be moving to the basement when the temps begin to climb. I will be sure to let you know via email when we switch places.

We are finishing up Ezra and will be moving on to Nehemiah by June 4th. The saga continues AND it is a great time to join us since we are beginning a new book.

The journey leads us into mysterious places with unexpected events which make for much excitement and often surprise!

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

I have known since I felt the call to ministry that I wanted to be a full-time pastor. I treated my church job as full-time but lacked the benefits that comes with a full-time appointment from the conference. As of July 1, 2025, I will be considered full-time in the denomination. Praise the Lord! This provides me with insurance and benefits that I otherwise would have to keep paying on my own.

I look forward to the challenges that will present themselves as I travel these roads between congregations. But God has told me it would all be fine. We are all part of HIS CHURCH. Pastor Esther has agreed to come back and assist to make sure this transition doesn't overwhelm me. We will be preaching a series of sermons in July about the Unity of Christ from Psalms. I look forward to watching God move and work in our midst.

Starting in July my office schedule will be:

Mondays - Rossville UMC 8 am to 2pm

Tuesdays - Colfax UMC 8 am to 2 pm

Wednesdays - Darlington UMC 8 am to 2 pm

Thursdays - Wherever God leads I will go day

Fridays - OFF

Saturdays - OFF

**Sundays - Darlington Worship 9 am, Colfax Worship 10:30 am,
Rossville Worship 12pm**

Each week I will be making calls (over the phone or in person) to two families from each church. I want to make sure we all stay connected. Letters will be mailed out a week in advance of my calling on you. You will be able to call or text me what you would prefer...in person or over phone visitations.

Being a full-time pastor also means I will be elevating my Course of Study per conference requirements. My class load will double from what I have been doing...so you will likely see me in the office studying. But never feel like you are intruding! I want visitors to feel free to pop in anytime I am in the office.

All are welcome!

~Pastor David

**This is the day the Lord had made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

Today I place my plans and expectations in Your loving hands. No matter how much drama is in my life, I know in my heart that You are watching over me. May my day be a time of blessing, a renewal of soul and spirit, knowing that you are in control of my life.

In Jesus' name, I pray.



IMPACT 2818 CHURCH CAMP

What is church camp? FUN. IMPORTANT. Camp gives your child an intentional setting to get away from daily distractions and engage in exploration and play. Campers experience life-changing growth, hear the message of Jesus, and learn to be themselves and navigate faith.

Why Camp? Camp helps foster social character and spiritual development. Counselors provide age-appropriate support as campers manage their responsibilities. Activities develop integrity, honesty, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Who are we? Impact 2818 is the outdoor ministry of The United Methodist Churches of Indiana. Hoosier United Methodist Churches have invested millions of dollars to make our camps accessible and available for over one million kids and families. They recognize the importance and value of a safe space outside the confines of a congregation or denomination. INUMC underwrites around 20% of all our programs and facilities.

Who goes to camp? Like Jesus, we are open to EVERYONE. Regardless of what church you attend (or don't!), we invite every family to a spiritually-safe experience that can transform your camper with the hope of Jesus Christ. Impact 2818 is the outdoor ministry of The United Methodist Churches of Indiana, and everyone is welcome.

What is camp like? With 7 locations across the state of Indiana, Impact 2818 has a site that's right for you! Our camps have pools, lakes, rivers, hiking, climbing walls, low ropes courses, zip lines, giant swings, archery, volleyball, and more. For all the details about our sites, visit impact2818.org/locations.

Dear Church Family,

I recently heard an ad on the radio that shared some statistics (and I may not have them exact, but I am very close) ...the average child spends less than 7 minutes a day outside and over 4 hours on electronic devices. It was an ad encouraging people to send kids to camps...and here at the United Methodist Church, we have some of the best camps in the State of Indiana.

Please see me if you are interested in any way. We would love to send our kids to camp!

~In Christ, Pastor Dave

Church Business

Our next Ad Council Meeting is

June 9, 2025
6 p.m.

Ad Council Meetings/SPRT Meetings

August 11

October 13

December 8

Financial Report April 2025

Thank *you* for your blessed giving. Jesus is our shepherd and together we will become a strong body. Take time to reflect on what he endured for our salvation.

Dan Hampton, Treasurer

God is good – All the time.
All the time – God is good.

Missions

We have several opportunities for you to get involved. Each opportunity is a wonderful way to reach out to the community around us. **But please, don't feel that you must be involved in every project that is offered.** Pick what you are passionate about and give whatever support you can. Thanks for your help.

PB&J Mission

We continue to be the "PB&J" Church in 2025. We thank God for giving us this blessed opportunity to provide these so-desired items. Remember to add a jar of peanut butter and a jar of "grape" jam or jelly to your shopping cart as you buy your groceries. Grape jelly or jam seems to be the preferred. Thanks for helping with this project.



National Safe Haven Alliance Kroger Community Rewards



The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Kroger Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

Whether you're a customer or an organization, get started today!

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.

Project: Be a Fisherman

On the table in the front entrance we have placed some material that anyone can pick up. There are pamphlets, Daily Bread devotionals and crosses. These are materials you can hand out as you have an opportunity.



Denise Maxwell

Hygiene Bags.

We are collecting items for the hygiene bags for the school. This will be an on-going project because there is a real need at all the schools. You can place the items in drawers in the east Vestibule. All bags need the following in **travel sizes**:



Shampoo	Toothpaste	Toothbrush
Deodorant	Soap	
	Mouth Wash	
	Feminine Hygiene	

Thank you for your help.



Please remember the following members and friends of our church family in your daily prayers. If you need to add or delete any name from this list, please contact Diana Binford at 765-918-0356 or TEXT Marsha Wells at 765-918-9148.

Thank you for your continued prayer.

Praises

Christ the Lord is Risen!!

The Alumni Banquet was a great success

The Congregational Church now has a full-time pastor, Ron Silver (Katie)

The National Day of Prayer

Other prayer needs:

A need for volunteers to help with Nursery

Annual UMC Conference, June 4-7 at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis

Children in backpack ministry – needs are met

Community, State, Nation, World and all the leaders

Darlington UMC, Colfax UMC, Christ UMC, and UMC at large,

East Naples UMC, Congregational Church, and East Christian Church

Families of those whom God has called home.

Those in treatment or suffering with cancer.

Those with other health issues.

Those Serving in the military:

All those being deployed and all our military, home or overseas.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,

give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God

in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Dear Father, We lift up all those who are facing illness or other adversities in their bodies and minds today. We ask that you bring comfort, peace, and healing. Surround them with your love and touch their bodies with your healing hands.

Amen

What's in Your Cup?

From Echoes of Insight (Facebook)

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along, bumps into you and shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill your coffee? "Because someone bumped into me!!!"

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which **WILL** happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratitude, peace, and humility? Anger, bitterness, victim mentality, and quitting tendencies. Life provides the cup, **YOU** choose how to fill it. Today let's work towards filling our cup with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, kindness, gentleness, and love for others.

Heavenly Father, every morning I wake up, I'm blessed. Your words in Psalm 118:24 assure me:



God Finds Us Usable

Isn't it amazing to think that the God of the Universe finds us usable. He's given us specific gifts and abilities for reaching out to others. He could have chosen a thousand other ways to reach the unsaved, but the Lord picked us! Thank you for your service to our church.

Liturgist

Sarah Boeh

Diana Binford

Mary Lou Weliever

Dan Maxwell

Dan Hampton

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Lynn Cox

Sarah Boeh

Diana Binford

Mary Lou Weliever

Scripture Reader

Pam Crull

Cheryl Greene

John Wells

Kim Warren

Kathy Hampton

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Steve Greene

Lynn Robison

Pam Crull

Cheryl Greene

Fellowship

Mike and Kim Warren

David and Diana Binford

Father's Day – No Fellowship

Dan and Kathy Hampton

Bob and Michelle Cash

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

OPEN

OPEN

OPEN

OPEN

Nursery

Jaysee Shaw

Michelle Cash

Cheryl Greene

Lynn Cox

Diana Binford

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Tracy McHenry

Cheryl Greene

Michelle Cash

Lynn Cox

*An outing together for father and son
Affords loads of pleasure 'fore even begun.
For in planning the trip is found half of the
sport; and when it is finished, seems always
too short.*

Louis T. Wood

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There used to be a 3-cent U.S. coin called the “trime.”



One of the lesser-known coins in the history of U.S. currency is the 3-cent silver piece known as the “trime.” In 1851, Congress lowered the cost of mailing a letter from 5 cents to 3 cents to compete with private mail carriers, and simultaneously authorized the creation of the 3-cent trime to simplify postage transactions. Before that, carrying or making change with copper cents and half cents was impractical, since the coins were disproportionately heavy and large for their low value.

At the same time, the California gold rush, which peaked in 1849, had flooded the U.S. economy with gold, decreasing its value relative to silver. Coins such as the dime, quarter, and dollar were 90% silver at the time, and became worth more than their face value. They began disappearing from circulation as people started hoarding, melting down, and selling the silver coins. The trime, however, was 75% silver and 25% copper, making it the rare U.S. coin that was actually worth more in your pocket than it was melted down.

Designed by the U.S. Mint’s chief engraver James B. Longacre, the trime was one of the smallest American coins ever minted, at just 14 millimeters in diameter. Its obverse featured a six-pointed star with a shield, surrounded by the words “United States of America” and the year it was made. The reverse showed the Roman numeral “III” inside a decorative “C,” with 13 stars representing the 13 original colonies.

At first, the tiny trime did its job — it made buying stamps easier and it circulated widely. But the coin was so small it often got lost, and its alloy tarnished easily, eventually earning it the undesirable nickname “fish scales.” Its popularity waned, and after being replaced by a nickel 3-cent coin following the Civil War coin shortage, the trime barely resurfaced in circulation. It was officially discontinued with the Coinage Act of 1873.



The first official U.S. coin said “Mind Your Business” on it.

In 1787, the United States was still in its infancy and was figuring out, along with many other things, its national currency. That year, Congress approved the first official U.S. coin for

circulation: the Fugio cent. The copper coin, believed to have been designed by Benjamin Franklin, came with a curt piece of advice: “Mind Your Business.” It wasn’t meant as a slight: Taken together with the picture of a sundial and the Latin word *Fugio*, meaning “run” or “flee,” it’s been interpreted to mean “time flies, so take care of your affairs.” The reverse side of the coin featured 13 linked rings representing the 13 colonies becoming united as a nation, surrounding the motto “We Are One.” The Fugio cent was made by a private contractor for just one year; in 1792, the Coinage Act was passed and the U.S. Mint was established.

Author Nicole Villeneuve

During the Dust Bowl, some dust clouds reached as far as Boston, causing red snow.

The Dust Bowl wasn’t entirely confined to the actual Dust Bowl states. Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico were certainly the most affected by the extreme drought that ravaged the Great Plains in the 1930s, a natural disaster that followed overcultivation and proved disastrous for both the land and the people living on it. But some of the dust storms that resulted were so extreme that their clouds reached cities more than 1,500 miles away on the East Coast. Boston, Massachusetts, even saw red snow due to red clay soil becoming concentrated in the atmosphere.

One of the worst storms hit the Great Plains region on April 14, 1935, which became known as Black Sunday. What started as a sunny morning quickly turned into an oppressive haze that dropped temperatures more than 25 degrees in an hour and turned the sky black. This “black blizzard” displaced an estimated 300,000 tons of topsoil, an agricultural disaster that led to further hardship and a number of casualties. Woody Guthrie immortalized the event in his song “The Great Dust Storm” from the album *Dust Bowl Ballads*, which included the line, “It fell across our city like a curtain of black rolled down / We thought it was our judgment, we thought it was our doom.”