

The Messenger

July 2026

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

A Shepherd's Sharing:

What About Fear? A Christians Perspective

So many people are living in fear today. Social media has a large part to play when it comes to fear being introduced around us. However, fear is not new. In the New Testament, "fear" is represented by the word φόβος (phobos) from which we get our English term "phobia". This word refers to being intimidated, being put to flight, feeling panicked, dreadful, or in terror. All excellent descriptions of what fear feels like.

In Luke 21:26, fear is connected to foreboding, or the expectation that something terrible is about to happen (watch the news or scroll a news feed on your phone and you know what I am saying).

Fear can consume us if we allow it too. It will derail our life in a second and in the process steal all of your joy. The Goodnews is that Christians don't have to be fearful. In fact, we shouldn't be.

Fear is (often) the Antithesis of Faith. If faith is **"the reality of what is hoped for, the evidence of what is not seen"** (Heb 11:1), fear is "the supposed reality of what is dreaded, the false evidence of what will probably never happen."

Friends, this is why we can overcome fear by trusting (having faith in) God. This isn't to say that if we are ever fearful it is because we don't really believe in God, but I think we should consider what our amount of fear says about how we think about God!

Do we watch the world and get our assurance from it? Of course not, we look to the Word of God...and instead of focusing on what might happen, we need to focus on what we...because we trust God...know will happen (Rom 8:29; Phil 4:8).

When we are tempted to fall into the trap of fear, let's strive to be mindful enough to replace our fear with faith—to not fear, but believe. I know many Christians who don't live fearfully because their identity rests in God's unconditional love, the promise of His constant presence, and the assurance of eternal life. Let me share three things that help us remember not to fear.

1. Perfect Love Drives Out Fear: According to 1 John 4:18, experiencing God's flawless and complete love removes the dread of punishment. Knowing we are secure in His grace allows us to make choices out of love and faith rather than anxiety about what could go wrong.

2. The Constant Presence of God: God is always with us and will never forsake us. Read Joshua 1:9 and Isaiah 41:10. They serve as daily reminders that, no matter what difficulties we face in life, we are never walking through them alone.

3. Sovereignty over the Future: As Christians we believe that God is ultimately in control of our lives and our ultimate destiny. Because our eternal future is secure with Him, the worldly anxieties over loss, suffering, and even death lose their paralyzing grip. AMEN

May the peace of Christ be with you.

In Christ,

~Pastor David

July 2026 Scripture Reading

July 5, 2026, 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Romans 7:15-25a

Sermon: Rescue Hero

July 12, 2026, 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Romans 8:1-11

Sermon: Spirit of the Living God

July 19, 2026, 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Romans 8:12-25

Sermon: Adopted Children

July 26, 2026, 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28

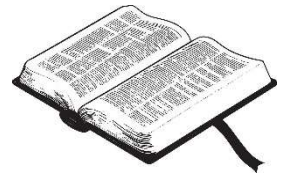
Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Romans 8:26-39

Sermon: Questions Abound

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



Growing and Bearing Fruit in God's Light

Dear sisters and brothers in Darlington,

At the time of the summer solstice, we experience the brightest days of the year. The sun reaches its highest point, nature is in full bloom, and the fruits are ripening in the fields. The golden grain sways in the wind, meadows and gardens offer their abundance, and everywhere we can see the generosity of creation.

This special time invites us to be grateful. For everything that grows and flourishes is ultimately a gift. We humans can sow and tend, but life itself comes from God.

The Apostle Paul writes: ***"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6).***

When we look at the fields, we glimpse something of this mystery. The earth brings forth fruit, rain and sunshine work together, and God grants growth. Therefore, we may join in the words of the Psalm with full gratitude: ***"You visit the earth and water it; you make it abundantly rich. You crown the year with your bounty, and your footsteps drip with blessing" (Psalm 65:10, 12).***

Especially in a time when food seems to always be available, it is valuable to remember that our daily bread is not something to be taken for granted. Behind every loaf of bread lies the work of many people, the fertility of the earth, and God's blessing hand.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray: ***"Give us this day our daily bread."*** With this prayer, we acknowledge that all life comes from God and that we depend on His care.

But Jesus is not speaking only of the bread that nourishes our bodies. After feeding the five thousand, He reveals a deeper truth to the people: ***"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).***

Just as the grain ripens in the fields and provides us with food, so Christ himself is God's gift to the world. He satisfies our soul's hunger for meaning, hope, love, and peace. He strengthens us on our journey and gives us life that extends beyond today.

The summer solstice also reminds us of the light. Without the light of the sun, there would be no growth, no harvest, and no life in our fields. In this light, we may think of Jesus, who says: ***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).***

Just as the sun warms the earth and ripens the fruit, so Christ desires to illuminate our hearts and lead our lives to maturity. His light offers guidance, comfort, and confidence. It helps us to recognize God's presence amid everyday life.

As we walk through the fields on these summer days or contemplate the beauty of nature, we can hear in it a silent praise of creation. All life points to the Creator. All growth speaks of his faithfulness. Every harvest reminds us that God cares for his people. Therefore, let us be grateful:

- for the sun that gives light and warmth,
- for rain and fertile soil,
- for the people who sow and reap,
- for the daily bread on our table,
- and for Jesus Christ, the true Bread of Life and the Light of the World.

May these summer days fill us anew with wonder at God's good creation and with gratitude for His manifold gifts. ***"Praise the LORD, my soul, and do not forget all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).***

With heartfelt blessings for a fulfilling summer,

Your sister in Christ
Esther



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday and anniversaries 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

Independence Day	July 4
Friends and Family Night, 12 p.	July 11
Colfax Hickory Comm. Dinner 6 p.	July 16
Newsletter Items Due	July 18
Parents' Day	July 26
SPRT/Ad Council, 5 p./6 p.	August 5
Dinner at the Community Center	August 30
Relay for Life	September 5



July First Name Holidays



National Denise Day	July 8
National Sam Day	July 13
National Donna Day	July 15
National Emma Day	July 18
National Barbara Day	July 19
National Madelyn Day	July 22
National Mitch Day	July 24
National Nancy Day	July 27
National Diana Day	July 31

Silly Dates to Remember

International Joke Day	July 1
National Fried Chicken Day	July 6
Ice Cream Cone Day	July 7
Math 2.0 Day	July 8
National Sugar Cookie Day	July 9
Teddy Bear Picnic Day	July 10
National French Fries Day	July 13
National Tape Measure Day	July 14
National Give Something Away Day	July 15
Fresh Spinach Day	July 16
World Emoji Day	July 17
Ugly Truck Contest Day	July 20
Nation Tug-Of-War Tournament Day	July 21
Pi Approximation Day	July 22
National Vanilla Ice Cream Day	July 23
National Drive-Thru Day	July 24
Bagpipe Appreciation Day	July 27
National Milk Chocolate Day	July 28
Paperback Book Day	July 30



What's Coming Up . . .



Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study:

We are learning so much from the book of Daniel as we continue to study about his prayer life. He was committed to praying at least 3 times a day, even when it was hard work to pray. His faithfulness got him the title of "Beloved man of God." The Lord was quick to answer his prayers too!

We will be finishing up Daniel and on into our next venture. Come and join us as we begin a new study! No matter what book we choose, there is always much to learn.

We will continue to meet in the church basement on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of Scripture excitement. If you would like to study on your own, send me your email address and I will include you on my Monday morning updates.

Hope to see you soon!
Diana Binford

Prayer Room



We are excited to announce the opening of our new cozy little prayer room. The new prayer room is located through the door on the right side of the sanctuary. This special space is available for anyone seeking a quiet place for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

If you would like someone to pray with you feel free to reach out to Pastor Dave or one of your church family members.

We will have prayer request cards located in our prayer room. Feel free to fill out and place in the collection plate or leave in a basket located by the cards. Share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with. Our church is a praying church, and we want to ensure everyone has prayer support.

Have a blessed summer.

Blessings from your Pastor Parish Committee

Colfax Hickory Community Dinner 2026 Schedule

As you plan for the upcoming year, we would love it if you would consider taking time to join us for sweet fellowship and good food once a month at The Gathering Place in Colfax Indiana. As always, we appreciate any free will donations that people contribute to help us with the cost of the food.

This year, we would like to see if there would be any businesses willing to become a corporate sponsor for a meal for one month. We will gladly advertise your company name on each table with any generous gift to the ministry.

The following dates are when we are scheduled to gather together at 6 p. m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except for December)

July 16th **August 20th** **September 17th**
October 15th **November 19th** **December 3rd**

The kind and loving people of Colfax United Methodist Church invite everyone to come and eat. Our goal is simply to build relationships with our neighbors and spread the love of Jesus.

Together we can make a difference!

Pastor David Bushfield

Announcements for the Bulletin

Please contact Dustin Gardner by Wednesday, if you need any announcement included in the bulletin on the following Sunday morning.

Pastor David's Office Hours and Reachability

Church...Please know I am here for you. ALL OF YOU! I have had people say things to me like, "with three churches, I don't want to interrupt you...or I don't want to bother you." While I appreciate the sentiment and care you all have for me, it is important that you know that I am available to you as your pastor.

I want to be there for you when you need me.

EMAIL ME AT: dave.bushfield@inumc.org

CALL OR TEXT ME AT: 765-426-6271

STOP AND VISIT ME AT:

MONDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Rossville United Methodist Church
TUESDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Colfax United Methodist Church
WEDNESDAYS	9 am to 2 pm	Darlington United Methodist Church
THURSDAYS	WORK FROM HOME OR VISITATIONS	
FRIDAYS	DAY OFF	
SATURDAYS	MY SABBOTH DAY	
SUNDAYS	Darlington 9 a, Colfax 10:30 a, Rossville 12:00 p	

There may be times when I am unavailable, if that happens, please leave me a message and I will get back with you. Caring for your spiritual needs and concerns is part of what we do as pastors. It is my honor to be your pastor and help care for you!

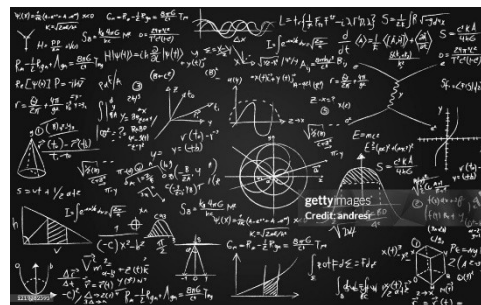
(On Friday or Saturday, if there is a ministry need, please contact the Staff Parish Chairperson for any ministry needs for your prospective churches. I will not take calls on these days in order to maintain my spiritual and physical health...thank you for understanding.)

Sunday Dinner at the Community Center

Mark your calendars. There will be a Dinner at the Community Center on **August 30, 2026**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy the meal and great fellowship with our neighbors. A free-will donation is always welcomed.

Donations of desserts and/or another side dish are always welcome. If you have a favorite salad or dessert you would like to share with the community, please bring it to the Community Center before church.

Thank You.



Math 2.0 Day

Math 2.0 Day, celebrated every July 8th, honors the profound impact of combining mathematics with technology. This day recognizes the possible by this

powerful synergy, from enhancing travel and entertainment to streamlining everyday work tasks. Explore the digital frontiers of math, engage with educational resources, and appreciate the innovations that make modern life easier.

As you admire the night sky, what do the heavens, with its stars, galaxies, and planets, tell you about God?

Friends & Family Night at Columbian Park

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Day!

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026
Time: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Location: Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana

What to Expect:

- Food and Beverages – Cookout at 4pm (burgers/dogs/chips/water provided)
- Games and Activities for All Ages (Corn hole, Euchre, football toss, sit and talk)
- Lafayette Aviators Game at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm – **Cost \$10 for the game**)
- Swimming at Tropicanoe Cove... (Pool opens at 11 am - See pricing below)
- **GREEN SHELTER (Off of Scott St.) HAS BEEN RESERVED.**

Bring your friends and family!
 For more information, call Pastor David at 765-426-6271.



Lafayette Parks & Recreation

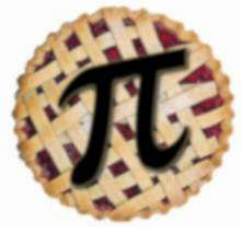
Tropicanoe Cove Admission fees	
Over 48"	\$12.00
Under 48"	\$8.00
Toddler (2 and under)	Free
Over 48" (after 4pm, Mon - Thurs)	\$7.00
Under 48" (after 4pm, Mon - Thurs)	\$6.00
Over 48" (Wednesday Family Nights after 4 pm)	\$5.00
Under 48" (Wednesday Family Nights after 4 pm)	\$4.00

**Lafayette Aviators
 VS
 Decatur Baseball
 Club**
**Gates open 6pm /
 First pitch 7pm**
**Location: @ Loeb
 Stadium**
**2250 Wallace Ave,
 Lafayette, IN**



Pi Appreciation Day

Pi Approximation Day, observed every July 22, honors the mathematical constant pi through its fraction 22/7. This day invites both math enthusiasts and pie lovers to explore the wonders of geometry and enjoy a sweet treat. Join the fun by baking a pie, solving a math puzzle, or sharing your love for numbers!





Montgomery County's Relay for Life

I am proud to be participating in Montgomery County's Relay for Life, an event that brings our community together to honor survivors, remember loved ones we've lost, and

raise fund's for the American Cancer Society's life-saving work. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, September 5th**.

Cancer touches so many lives in so many ways – including my own. That's why I'm committed to walking, fund raising, and spreading hope. Every dollar raised helps fund groundbreaking research, provide free support services for patients and their families, and promote prevention programs that save lives. All money raised at our local Relay for Life stays in Montgomery County.

I would truly be grateful if you could support my efforts with a donation. Your generosity will help bring us closer to a world without cancer. You can make a secure donation online at [relay for life.org/montgomerycountyin](http://relayforlife.org/montgomerycountyin), please search for my name.

Thank you for standing with me in this fight against cancer. Together we can make a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,
 Cheryl Greene

Relay For Life: there is no finish line until there is a cure!

The Glorious Fourth

By Lenore Hetrick

In seventeen hundred seventy-six
 A mighty document was born!
 Around the table our forefathers
 Gathered on that famous morn.
 There before them lay the paper
 With its words of lasting fame.
 The Declaration of Independence!
 Oh glorious Fourth of glorious name!



One by one our bold forefathers
 Took the pen in hand to sign.
 On that fine historic paper
 All the names fell into line.
 Fame eternal to the signers
 Will be ever their reward!
 On that eminent Fourth of old
 They took a stand so bold.

Triumphant in our history,
 And distinguished to the waiting world.
 A new nation to the stars
 And stripes the splendid flag unfurled.
 In seventeen hundred seventy-six
 Upon a day we love to praise,
 The first heroic Fourth arrived –
 And since, it's been our day of days!

Church Business

Ad Council

Six members were present when the meeting was called to order with prayer at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th. The minutes were approved as sent electronically.

The canopies over the East Entry doors have been cleaned and look brand new.

A Prayer Room has been set up in the southwest room off the sanctuary. Please use this room if you feel the need. A plaque will be hung for those of our deceased church family we would like to honor. A motion to purchase and move forward with the "In Memory" plaque was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor David attended the Annual Conference. A new District Superintendent Tom Ream will meet with the Pastor in July. Friends and Family Night at the Lafayette Park will be on July 11th. There will be food there but you can bring a pitch-in dish if you wish.

The Financial Report was given. We are still operating in the black.

The quote for a new speaker system for the sanctuary was presented. After some discussion, it was decided that we really should have two quotes before we decide. A motion was made and seconded, we get an additional quote for the speakers. The motion was passed. Worship Committee will have a meeting in July to plan the remainder of the year's services and activities.

Both the church basement dishwasher and the parsonage dishwasher have been replaced. The installation of an electric car charging station for the parsonage was discussed. We are still checking to see if the insurance for the parsonage will change. The downstairs door needs to be replaced, so we will contact Mohawk Key and Haley's Lock, Safe and Key for a quote.

For Missions, Glenn Howell is the new contact for Mission Guatemala and he will get information to us about what's happening in Guatemala now.

With no other new business, Pastor David closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 5th at 6 p.m.**

SPRT/Ad Council Upcoming Dates for 2026

August 5

October 14

December 9

Financial Report

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.

Nancy Weliever, Treasurer

God is good – All the time.

All the time – God is good.

*Nothing is ever lost by courtesy.
It is the cheapest of the pleasures;
cost nothing and conveys much.
It pleases him who gives and him
who receives, and thus, like mercy,
it is twice blessed.*

Erastus Wiman

2026 Indiana Annual Conference

The 2026 Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (INUMC) took place from June 3 to June 6, 2026, at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis. Centered on the theme "All In: Multiplying Love," the conference focused on renewing ministries, expanding community outreach, and celebrating clergy leadership.

Key Highlights & Summaries

- **Opening Worship and Episcopal Address:** Resident Bishop Tracy S. Malone delivered an inspiring opening address to a standing ovation, challenging members to foster joy, deepen discipleship, and boldly step into the next season of ministry.
- **Teaching Sessions:** Rev. Dr. Michael Beck led sessions titled "Connected for Mission: Leading Together in a Blended Ecology," which encouraged clergy and laity to build the church by actively engaging their local communities and practicing "guest-vitality." Meaning, looking for ways to share our gifts and talents with everyone. . .
- **Service of Remembrance:** The conference held a solemn service to honor the lives and ministries of 40 clergy/lay ministers and 27 spouses who had passed away since the previous gathering.
- **Statewide Advocacy and Giving:** The conference highlighted the *Feeding Indiana* mission project, which featured a statewide "Offering of Letters" to advocate for children and families facing food insecurity. The conference also partnered to raise funds for raising up 500 new pastors across the Central Conferences.
- **Church Budget:** The UMC budget had a shortfall for 2025 of over 2 million dollars. The conference had been expecting and planned for such a deficit due to the high number of disaffiliations over the previous few years. Things are starting to balance out, and the approved budget for 2026 is just over 10 million dollars. With all churches paying their apportionments and doing their part, this budget is realistically attainable. although, we all need to do our part.
- **Leadership Announcements:** Bishop Malone introduced several new leaders in the conference office. Many of them spoke to the assembly. Bishop then closed the session out Saturday by having the District Superintendents stand and offer the slate of appointments to be accepted. She then presided over liturgical readings and prayers as the 2026 Appointments were finalized.

Conference Resources

For a comprehensive breakdown of the conference log on to inumc.org and click updates.

God is with thee in all that thou doest.

Genesis 21:22

Thank you, Lord, for leading me this far.
Give me your directions for today so that
I may walk in your path for me. Amen

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.

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

PB&J Mission

The PB&J Mission is going well. Thanks to everyone who donates to this worthwhile mission.



The Kid's Closet

The Kids Closet is a ministry based in Montgomery County, IN. Jennifer Pruett started this in Crawfordsville a few years ago. I am happy to be able to be a part of this worthwhile mission.

Our Mission is to provide gently used and sometimes new clothing to all children in Montgomery County who have a need. The ages range from newborn to 18. Families fill out a google form to request clothes. Our goal is to provide the children with 10 outfits including socks and underwear to have plenty to wash and wear throughout the week. There is no charge for the clothing. Families learn of this by word of mouth, but our hope is for us to get the schools to help us learn of families that need some help. We give weather appropriate clothing, including shorts, jackets, school clothes, etc.

The Kid's closet is open now, and we take clothes from preemie to 14/16. We have had some requests for up to size 20, though. Right now, we're doing a sock drive, if anyone would like to donate new socks. We're always accepting donations be it clothing or monetary. If you look on Amazon, you can also find a wish list for The Kid's Closet.

Thanks for your help.

Darsey Gardner

Take a Bible/Give a Bible Box

"Take a Bible/Give a Bible Box" located on the east side of the church, established by Diana & David Binford and Gary Cox.

Purpose: The box is available for people to both donate and take Bibles and Spiritual books.

Donation Guidelines:

Accepted Items: Gently used Bibles and spiritual books are accepted.

Preparation: Donated items should be placed individually in plastic bags to protect them from the weather.

Availability: Anyone who needs a Bible or a spiritual book is welcome to take one.

Guatemalan Project

Here is the latest news!!

We now have a new representative to assist in the great work being done in Guatemala. He claims that his mission is **"to grow the ministry with our time, talent and treasure."** His name is Glenn Howell and he lives in Zionsville. He is also a friend of Pastor David's.

This is his latest report:

"This last January, I was in Guatemala, watching our work there and meeting with the staff. There are so many people who are being helped. The medical clinic is amazing and has long been the heart of our ministry. Every day I saw people come to see Dr. Lidia - children, expectant mothers, elderly. Last year there were over 4300 patients who received medical care - that is 15 each day the clinic is open. Beyond that our nutritional program serves more than 200 kids, and we have more than 100 kids that we scholarship to continue working toward a high school diploma. People like you make a difference."

So, if you have any questions about Guatemala, I will connect you with Glenn. He is so excited about the work being done there.

Let's keep doing all that we can to support our friends in need!



Doing all the good we can together...
Glenn Howell

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.

***As servants of God, live as free people,
yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.
Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God.
1 Peter 2:16-17***

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the freedoms I enjoy. I cherish these privileges and take seriously my responsibility to preserve them. Help me to live as an example to the people around me as one who loves and protects liberty by treating laws, leaders, and fellow citizens with the love and respect they deserve. And as I do, may I keep the path clear for my children and grandchildren to walk in this same freedom.

Amen

Taken from My Personal Daily Prayer Book, July 4th



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: So many prayers answer!

Christ the Lord is Risen!

Annual Conference – good worship, networking and teaming

Other prayer needs

A need for volunteers to help with Nursery

Children in backpack ministry – needs met

Community, State, Nation, World and all the leaders

– May they make God-led decisions

Those who have lost everything due to fires and those injured and lost life

Darlington UMC, Colfax UMC, Christ UMC, Rossville UMC and UMC at large, East Naples UMC, Congregational Church, and East Christian Church

Families of those who have passed

Farmers

Kid's Closet

Kids who don't have a safe place for summer

Our Guatemalan children/Our Guatemalan Project

Those in foster care and all the challenges they face

Those in Illinois close to the Merica's family and Debbie Novak who lost everything in the storms

Those in northern Indiana – around the Kouts, IN area

Victims in Haiti, Iran, Israel, Maui, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Nigeria

Victims of dust storms, floods, and tornadoes, wild fires

Victims of hate crimes and discrimination

Victims of the Texas Floods

Those in treatment or suffering with cancer.

Those Serving in the military.

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

Those with other health needs.

*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

Our Shut-Ins

Our Shut-Ins need their days brightened with visits, mail, calls, and including them in your daily prayers.

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

Lynn Cox

Sarah Boeh

Mary Lou Weliever

Diana Binford

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

Dan Maxwell

Lynn Cox

Dan Hampton

Sarah Boeh

Mary Lou Weliever

Scripture Reader

Steve Greene

Lynn Robison

Tracy McHenry

Cheryl Greene

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

John Wells

Kim Warren

Kathy Hampton

Steve Greene

Lynn Robison

Nursery

*If you can't be in Nursery,
please call someone on the list to trade.
Thank you.*

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

Jaysee Shaw

Lynn Cox

Darsey Gardner

Tracy McHenry

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

Cheryl Greene

Diana Binford

Jaysee Shaw

Lynn Cox

Darsey Gardner

Fellowship

John and Marsha Wells

Steve and Cheryl Green

Dan and Kathy Hampton

Ryan and Tracy McHenry

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

John and Marsha Wells

David and Diana Binford

Ryan and Tracy McHenry

Dan and Kathy Hampton

OPEN

Fifth Sunday Dinner/Comm. Center

**Oh, Heavenly Father,
we do pray that You will bless
our food today and bless our family
gathered here and everyone that we hold dear.
Amen**