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Notes for the Journey

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Kingsmen Quartet Concert

This Friday, March 17, the Kingsmen Quartet will be here at our church at 7:00pm to present a concert. This is an outstanding Southern Gospel group that you will take pleasure in hearing.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great evening!!

Children's Department Facelift

Our Children's Department is getting a much needed facelift. Special contributions toward this project would be greatly appreciated. Simply earmark your contribution "Children's Dept. Facelift"

Our Church Library

This week's sermon is sparked from a devotional book, "Bread for the Journey" by Henri Nouwen. There are two more copies of this book as well as numerous other devotionals available in our church library. Check it out!

Upper Room Discussions

Please join with us in the Upper Room (upstairs of the east wing) Sunday mornings after worship. We gather for coffee and an informal time of sharing with each other the joys of our walk with God and the questions we encounter along the way.

It is a place where we endeavor to, "spur one another on towards love and good deeds."

Thought of the Week

This week instead of recapping my previous message, I want to look ahead to what is coming this Sunday. Henri Nouwen says, "Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking their words more seriously and discovering their true selves. Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality . . ."

I hope to encourage us to do two things this Sunday.

1. Be a congregation of "listeners," people who truly care about and wish to help carry the burdens of others.
2. Be individuals who stop trying to carry everything ourselves. It is tragic, but over the years, I have watched as people with heavy burdens have gradually pulled away and isolated themselves from the very thing God put in place for care and support—the church family. Through sharing and listening, God can bring healing and support into the lives of all those in our midst.

May God guide us in this journey.

* * Children's Lock-In * *

24-Hours 4 HIM—Children 3rd grade through 6th grade have the wonderful opportunity to attend the 2017 Wabash Children's Lock-In at the Wabash Park Campgrounds on April 22-23.

Many great activities are planned. Children and parents, see Stacy for registration forms and more information.

Lectionary Scripture

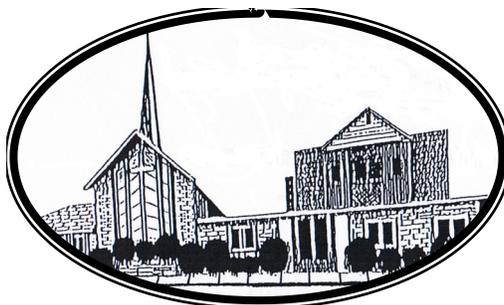
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Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



Mission

A community of believers endeavoring to live and love as Jesus taught. Come—Experience Community!

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 19

Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
Choir Rehearsal	5:00pm
Children's Ministry	6:00pm
No Youth Group	

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, March 21

Relay for Life Team Meeting	5:30pm
Elijah Men's Group	6:30pm

Wednesday, March 22

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library	10:00am
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Friday, March 24

Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm
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Statistics for March 12

Morning Service	111
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,603.73
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 2,157.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 563.00

Prayer Needs



Howard Clodfelter—recovering from surgery
 Florence Holtz—health
 Leota Burkett—health
 Clella Rottinghaus—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Happy Birthday



Pat Boernke.....	March 19
Mica Rist.....	March 20
Jake Wheeler.....	March 20
Ben Rose.....	March 20
Larry Runyon.....	March 21
Joan Haenggi.....	March 21
Dean Garrett.....	March 21
Rodney Linder.....	March 22
Kathy Trout.....	March 22
Tyler Dowty.....	March 25

— Choir —

The excellent music in this cantata is exciting for the choir to learn. We can still use a few more voices, so come Sunday at 5:00pm and join us.

We want this to be an enjoyable time together as we prepare for the Easter Season.



Elijah Men's Group

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30pm
 at the Parsonage

WIC Donations

Thank you so much for the wonderful items donated to WIC through the winter months. I have delivered about 40 gift bags since January 1 until now. You see the need is great.

We are heading into Spring and Summer. Right now we need blankets, light weight outfits or sleepers, onesies, and especially gift bags.

This is such a great community outreach. Call me if you have any questions.

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Relay for Life Spring Yard Sale

The Yard Sale will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00am-12noon. We are still accepting donations for this event— containers are in the west foyer. A bake sale will be held the same day.

We are planning the "BIG SORT" of yard sale items on Monday, March 27 and continue sorting each evening all week. We can use your help!! Come and join us—it is lots of fun! Thanks to all.

The next Team Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30pm. We hope you can all be present. There will be several items to consider.