

# UNION FAMILY INFORMER

April, May, June 2010

Dear Members and Friends of the Union UMC,

Good News! The insulation has had a significant impact on the fuel consumption, along with holding services in the fellowship hall during January and February.

The fuel company has about \$4,700 credit on our account which is being reimbursed to us. This money will be used to complete the establishment of the General fund's \$5,000 monthly carry over, "cushion fund". The remaining amount will be put into our capital improvement funds, because we still need to make additional improvements to further reduce our monthly expenses.

We have doors to replace and improvements to the heating system that can save us more. The reimbursement will not cover all these improvements, so even though we have wonderful news, we still need to work towards making these improvements and maintain the "cushion fund". The more improvements we make, the more we save and the more we save, positions us for a better future.

We have lost so much money in the past 5 years with our fuel bill that would have covered the cost of replacing the doors and improving the heating system. We need capital improvement funds that will allow us to address these improvements as needed verses being in a reactive mode requiring months or years to get the capital in place. Operating in this mode causes the improvements to cost us twice as much as it should.

More good news, a survey was done a couple of weeks ago. Once the survey report is received, Joel and Darlene Musselman will proceed with getting our property taxes reduced. (Thank you!) The park property is being realigned, so that it's part of the church property which is exempt of property taxes. The savings will not be realized until a year later, because property taxes are paid in arrears.

Other possible considerations include estimates on the way for enhancing our heating systems to heat pumps or a GEO Thermal system. We will evaluate the cost and benefits of each and the amount of time it will take the savings to cover the cost before any decision is made.

As much as we enjoyed sitting on the hard chairs, (ha! ha!) hopefully next winter we won't be faced with holding services in fellowship hall. Thanks to each and every one of you for your patience, cooperation and financial support during this difficult time. Let's keep on track in getting improvements made and saving us money for now and into the future.

The Finance committee meetings are open for anyone to attend. They are held about once a quarter. The committee welcomes ideas and suggestions to improve the finances. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Committee Members:

Jennifer Slaughter, chairperson – (317) 578-7008  
Carole Cade  
Ritch Harger  
Brian Henke  
Tom Lester  
Kay Moody  
Melenie Sheehan  
Jim Witty, Minister

## How about some "CULTURE?"

**"CUE 5" Woodwind Quartet coming to Union UMC. We are pleased to announce...CUE 5** will perform at Union UMC on May 2, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. with a time for refreshments after the concert. Michelle Oyler, our own Shirley Oyler's daughter is one of the five. We welcome **CUE 5** to our church. Please join us for this special concert.

A Free Will donation will go toward the church general budget. Invite your friends and neighbors!

## Calendar:

### *April*

- 1 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 P.M.
- 2 – Good Friday Service 12:00 P.M. at  
First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville
- 3 – Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch 11:00 A.M.  
Hot dogs and all the trimmings  
Bring your family and the neighbors, too!
- 4 – Easter Sunday – Breakfast 7:45 A.M.  
**Worship 9:00 A.M. No Sunday School**



- 18 – Boy Scout Troop 150 Court of Honor  
Ceremony 2:30 P.M. with fellowship to  
follow
- 24 – (Sat) Pancake Breakfast 7:30 – 9:30 A.M.  
- Church Clean-up Day 8:00 A.M. – 12:00  
P.M.



### *May*

- 9 – Mother's Day Worship 9:00 A.M.  
Brunch 10:00 -11:00 A.M. Free will  
Donation. Bring the whole family &  
celebrate together!
- 23 – Cue 5 Woodwind Quintet Concert in the  
Sanctuary – 2:00 p.m. Reception following  
in Fellowship Hall.

- 30 – Memorial Sunday



### *June*

- 20 - Father's Day Picnic (pitch-in in the Shelter)  
Worship 10:00 A.M. Picnic to follow
- 16 - Graduation Sunday
- 23 - Pentecost Sunday
- 24 - 27 - Indiana Annual Conference

### **To reserve the Picnic Shelter...**

Call Melenie Sheehan if you want to reserve the picnic shelter for an event. 418-6459. Remember to carry off your trash after your event. Thanks!

Reminder: **Don't assume it is always available.** We do have families who have it reserved for summer 2010 already.

## **KROGER CARES "FUND" RAISING PROGRAM CARDS: Remember they provide Union" Free Money"**

Call Sandy Witty if you need a new card 317-833-2438. Help Union UMC by asking family and friends to join us in our efforts to support our church and its programs. Ask...many people will be glad to participate if you just ask and tell them they are helping your church. They have to eat, anyway!



***Would you like to receive*** the newsletter by e-mail? If so, please let Sandy Witty know as soon as possible. Call 833-2438 or e-mail her at [sammykw@comcast.net](mailto:sammykw@comcast.net) to let her know and give her your correct e-mail address.

Sunday

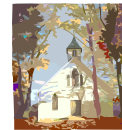
Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Fellowship: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School Classes: 10:15 A.M.

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as we worship our Lord, Jesus Christ and thank God for the blessings we have been given.

We welcome you.



Rev., Dr. James W. Witty, Jr., Pastor  
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[jwwbridges@comcast.net](mailto:jwwbridges@comcast.net)

**New website for Union UMC:**

***numc.com***

Look it over and give us your feedback and suggestions.

**Thanks to Tom Lester** for the work putting together our new website. It takes a lot of time to get one set up and running!