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## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### DAY OF PENTECOST . . .

Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. This year, Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. To commemorate this date we will provide an offering envelope in your bulletin. Or you may send a check to the church and write in the memo "Pentecost Offering".

This is how your offering is distributed: A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



## NEWS FROM OUR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN. . . .



Presbyterian Women's Circle's will meet **May 9th - THURSDAY** (not Wednesday) at 11:00 a.m. at Smith Farms Manor for a lunch and meeting. Josey Refner will be sharing her All Natural Lotions, Candles and soaps for a short program during the luncheon.

Please R.S.V.P. by May 1st by calling the church office at 925-2987. The cost is \$8.00 for the lunch and is due the day of the meeting.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORED OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH.**

The Presbyterian Women provided a breakfast in fellowship hall for our two high school seniors and their families. Pictured to the right are Seniors **Aidan Smith and Josey Refner**.

Congratulations to for a job well done! Your church family is very proud of you!



### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL CELEBRATE BLANKET SUNDAY ON MAY 12TH**

#### **Blanket Sunday**



For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets Program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. For a mere \$10 a blanket is given to someone who needs it.

The Auburn Presbyterian Church Women will be participating in the Church World Service Blanket Program. For a mere \$10.00 a blanket, love hope and warmth may assist disaster victims. An envelope will be enclosed in your bulletin for your convenience and participation on Sunday, May 12th. We're grateful for your generosity, kindness and desire to share warmth, compassion and blankets with others.

FROM THE PASTOR:

### Let Your God Love You

Be silent.  
Be still.  
Alone.  
Empty  
Before your God.  
Say nothing.  
Ask nothing.  
Be silent.  
Be still.  
Let your God look upon you.  
That is all.  
God knows.  
God understands.  
God loves you  
With an enormous love,  
And only wants  
To look upon you  
With that love.  
Quiet.  
Still.  
Be.  
  
Let your God—  
Love you.

By Edwina Gateley

Friends – I have a regular routine that I follow each morning that includes prayer and meditation. I reflect on several readings and try to include at least one poem every day.

That quiet time in reflection is really important because our lives are so full. The demands of the world stress us out with their insistence and pace. More than that, we're surrounded by voices that clamor for our attention right now: news, politics, marketing. We can balance that intensity by starting the day with a calm breath and a focus on our relationship with God.

Even when we start our day relaxed and composed, it's no guarantee that it will stay that way. All too often I get caught up in the hectic day and my serenity evaporates. But I have discovered something wonderful. The peaceful presence of Jesus is always there. I just need to be willing to disengage from the rush of life long enough to reconnect with God. A quick prayer, calming breath, or short walk is all it takes for me to find that holy rest.

I don't know if you engage in a daily spiritual practice, but I recommend it. There are a variety of resources available and I'm happy to help you find one if you'd like. I know it makes a world of difference for me.

Edwina Gateley is one of my favorite poets and this is the poem that I read today. Sometimes, this is a message that I need to dwell in, I need to let God love me.

Shalom, Pastor David



**Thank  
you!**

*Thanks to everyone for all the kind and thoughtful  
Birthday cards I received last week. ~ Pastor David*

## FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP....



**Open dates for flowers!** A continuing tradition for the church is to give flowers on Sunday mornings in honor of someone, or perhaps as a memorial or celebration. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for flowers it's not too late! We have the following dates available:

**September: 22, 29**

**November: 17, 24**

**December: 15, 29**

The cost is \$40 for two vases of flowers. A form is at the back of the sanctuary on the counter, or you may call the church office at 925-2987 with your request.

*Just a reminder to please return the green liner if you take the flowers home with you. These liners are re-used by the florist and we only have a certain number of them.*

## HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

### USHERS:

- 5: David & Veronique Poudrier
- 12: Carl & Melinda Smith
- 19: Mark Bassett & Polly Bassett
- 26: Teresa & Lyle Ewing

**LITURGIST:** Norm Yoder

### GIVING FLOWERS:

- 5: Dick Reichard
- 12: Hilda Kennedy
- 19: Barbara Pietracatella
- 26: Ron & Emily Heymann



**COMMUNION:** May 19. (We need servers - please let the secretary know if you can help)

## LITURGIST NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

We are in need of volunteers to be the liturgist for the months of October, November and December. Anyone interested in being a liturgist please call the church office or talk to Pastor David. Thank you!



*Volunteer!*



# DINNERS FOR EIGHT!

What is Dinners for Eight? A musical dinner chair game of sorts! You'll be amazed how much you get to know and enjoy your fellow Presbyterians!

A group composed of eight different people each month will get together for dinner.

The way it works:

- Participants take turns hosting. You would host only once and be a guest at all the other dinners. You may choose to host at your home or in the Church Fellowship Hall.
- The host supplies the main dish and each guest brings something to contribute to the rest of the meal.

TO MAKE IT WORK AND MAKE IT FUN, WE NEED 32 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP. This way, you'll have dinner with different people every time!

Please sign up in GROUPS OF 2, SO 16 PAIRS ( a couple, 2 friends, 2 siblings...). If you want to sign up on your own, we'll suggest a partner you can work with to host the dinner. **We encourage you to keep this casual and simple. The host couple will need to be in touch with the other couples as to the date and the menu. It is very helpful if the host couple will call the month prior to entertaining to set the date.** We will open this fellowship activity to the Garrett and Kendallville churches as well. Be ready to enjoy great food and lively conversation with a group of friends, old and new!

So grab your spouse, significant other, sibling or friend and sign up by **May 5th**. You can call the church office at 925-2987 and we'll start scheduling dinners hopefully in June. We look forward to gathering around a table with you soon!

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## Following is a note received from Lisa Smith...

"Dear church family,

So many have reached out with notes, texts, and messages. Just know they are so appreciated. I know there are so many more that have been praying for Tom and our family. We are so grateful!

Auburn Presbyterian Church is still what we consider to be our church home. The church helped us grow in our faith and raise our boys. We are forever grateful!

Tom is doing well so far. Please continue the prayers!"

All our love,

Lisa and Tom Smith

## 2024 Smock Senior Ministries Programs - NE Indiana Cluster



The Smock Senior Adult Ministry of NE Indiana would like to invite you to a day outing to:

### **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and ACDAM & The National Auto and Truck Museum**

**Date: Thursday, May 16**

**Arrival at 10:00 a.m. - Tour the ACD Museum**

**Lunch at 12:00 p.m. - catered at the Museum**

**Following lunch approx. 12:30 - tour the ACDAM & The National Auto and Truck Museum (NATMUS)**

**Plan on leaving around 1:30 - 2 P.M.**

**Cost: \$10.00 ea. (includes museum entrances and lunch)**

**Sign up by May 10**

**Parking:** The main lot on the building's north side adjacent to the main entrance, includes handicap spaces.

**The ACD Museum** exhibits an average of 120 automobiles and related artifacts on three floors of the historic building. There is an elevator that serves all three floors of the Museum. Manual wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis to use during your visit and there are ample places to sit throughout the Museum.

**NATMUS:** The original factory buildings that house The National Automotive and Truck Museum represent over 130 years of transportation manufacturing. Intended for the assembly of the L29 Cord, the upper level of this building was actually used to prepare the L29s for shipment after they were assembled on the Auburn line. The lower level was used for experimental cars and the construction of prototypes. The first one hundred 812 Cords were hand built on the lower level.

## Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship recipient . . . Aidan Smith



This year's Mary Evelyn Moore Scholarship recipient is Aidan Smith, son of Carl and Melinda Smith. Since the time Aidan began attending our church as a grade-schooler, he has been active in a range of activities – participating in youth group programs, serving as an acolyte and a junior deacon, assisting with Friends Table on Mondays, and providing special music on drums and piano for Sunday worship. Fortunately for us, Aidan does not shy away from helping in the church kitchen! We've all seen him at work there, rolling up his sleeves to do what needs to be done so the congregation can gather on special occasions to enjoy meals and fellowship.

Aidan also has been a leader in our church-sponsored Boy Scout troop, holding numerous positions, receiving an "outstanding Scout" award, and ultimately achieving the highest Scout rank – that of Eagle Scout. Aidan did all this while racking up a strong academic record and honing his music skills. Notably, he contributed his talents to two separate high school jazz bands, winning awards as a member of each. He also has been a member of the high school band (five years – they recruited him early), the pep band, the pit band, the winter drumline and the soccer drumline.

All of this helps explain his college choice and goal: Aidan will study music technology and studio engineering next fall at Purdue Fort Wayne. He aims to get an internship at Sweetwater Studios in his sophomore year, and after graduation, he hopes to work in a professional music studio while playing the vibraphone in a jazz orchestra. As Aidan wrote in his in the Mary Evelyn Moore application:



"My vision for my future career [is] be a studio engineer/sound designer. I am drawn in this direction by my love for music and my love to help others make the best music that they can. As a studio engineer, I am behind the motherboard, and I will be able to help the musician sound better and give advice on their music."

Aidan also wrote this on his application: "I will combine my educational experience with my Christian background to significantly affect the lives around me by living by the values that I have been taught at school and church. Some key values I have been taught are to be respectful, to love your neighbor, and have compassion for others. By combining all of these principles I can help those around me."

Our church family can take pride in this outstanding young man. We salute him and his family.

## MISSION PROJECTS:

We are getting low on items for our "Free Little Pantry" again. We are asking for your assistance in providing non-perishable items to help restock our supply. Items such as **canned foods (soups, beans, tuna, chicken), peanut butter, rice, granola bars, dry pasta, crackers, cereals, baby food, boxed foods (mac and cheese, hamburger/tuna helpers), staples (flour, sugar, salt), hygiene products (soap of any kind, tooth paste, shampoo, feminine products, diapers), or paper products (toilet paper, paper towels).**

You may bring items to the church office anytime. Thank you!

**Are you looking for a mission project that doesn't take time away from your busy schedule? If so, you may want to check out this mission...**

In partnership with the Methodist Church, the Astral Outreach Group has embarked on a heartfelt mission to create waterproof mats for the homeless. Our endeavor aims to provide comfort and protection to those facing the challenges of homelessness, especially during harsh weather conditions.

However, to continue our noble cause, we are reaching out to you for support. We are in urgent need of clean, used plastic grocery bags to weave into these mats. Your contribution of plastic bags will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goal and make a tangible difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

**How You Can Help:**

- Donate Your Plastic Bags: Have spare plastic grocery bags lying around? Don't discard them just yet! Your used bags can be repurposed to create waterproof mats for those in need.
- Spread the Word: Share this message with your friends, family, and neighbors. Every little bit helps, and together, we can amplify our impact.

**Drop-off Location: Astral**  
1678 W. 7th Street Auburn, IN 46706

Your generosity and compassion will directly impact the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Let's come together and extend a helping hand to those who need it most.

Thank you in advance for your support and dedication to making our community a better place for all.



Boy Scout Troop 169 fundraiser opportunities...  
Boy Scout Troop 169 is participating in a laundry fundraiser to help support upcoming Scouting adventures. Deadline to place order is May 15th. See The Smith Family for more details:

5 Gallon Laundry Detergent: \$48  
5 Gallon Laundry Softener: \$48  
Laundry Pods (250 count): \$48  
Laundry Fabric Sheets (250 count): \$12  
Laundry Scent Booster: \$48  
Dishwasher Pods (250 count): \$48  
5 Gallon Dish Soap: \$48  
1 Gallon Body Wash: \$15  
Garbage Bags (15 gallon/250 count): \$40  
Garbage Bags (55 gallon/100 count): \$40

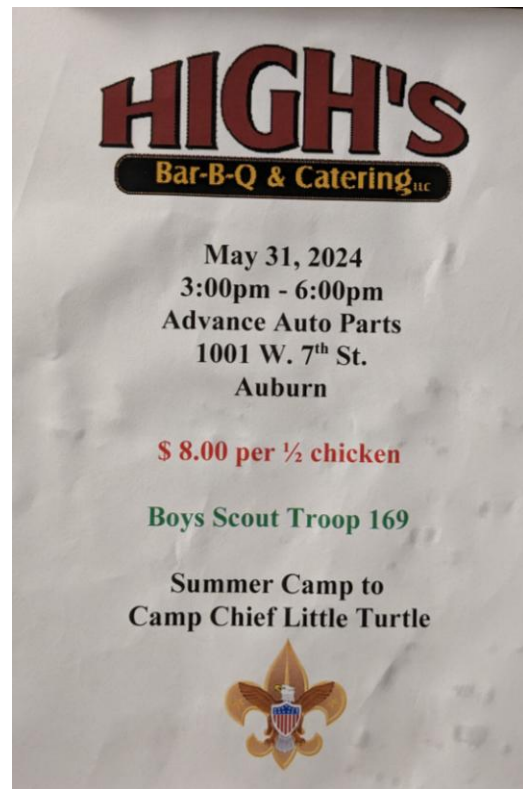




## SUPPORTING OUR BOY SCOUTS....

High's Chicken...

see someone from Boy Scout Troop 169 if interested...we have presale tickets that are guaranteed chicken.



## COOKING CLASS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On April 11th a Bistro Cooking Class was held in our Fellowship Hall with Lori Berndt of the Olive Twist. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the meal that they prepared. Below are pictures from that event. If you missed this one, hopefully another one will be scheduled in the future.

