

The Learning League—Monday through Friday, 2:30-6:30, 1-9.K		
Mon. Nov. 9	10:00 OA, C 10:30 Staff, parlor 6:00 Emmaus, Parlor 6:00 Emmaus @ B. Boyer's 6:30 Cub Scouts, 10 7:00 Trustees, C	<b>T h i s  W e e k  a t  F i r s t  C h u r c h</b>
Tue. Nov. 10	Angel Food orders due 7:00 OA, C 5:30 Girl Scouts, 10	
Wed. Nov. 11	6:30 Men's Breakfast, 5,6,K 9:30 Quilters, 5,6 10:00 Communion, Chapel 10:00 OA, C 10:30 Women's Study, 10 12:00 Trinity Circle, Parlor 1:00 Yoga, B 5:00 Spirit Rock Bells, Sanct. 6:00 Jubilant Praise Bells, Sanct. 6:00 Teen Bible Study, Y.S. 7:00 Holy Praise Tabernacle, 10 7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room	
Ths. Nov. 12	1:00 AA, C 1:30 Knit & Crochet, Parlor 7:00 Staff-Parish, C	
Fri. Nov. 13	Office is Closed 5:30 Scouts/Venture Crew, 10 6:30 Set up for USO 5, 4-6, 8, K	
Sat. Nov. 14	Building is closed 8-5 Girl Scout Cookie Distrib., N. Parking Lot 4:30 USO 5, 4-6, 8, k	
Sun. Nov. 15	8:00 Worship in Chapel 9:00 Breakfast & Children's Worship, K,B 9:00 Adult & Youth Christian Ed., C,1,3,5,6,P,YS 9:30 Holy Praise Tabernacle, Chapel, 10 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 11:45 Coffee & Fellowship, Parlor 3:00 Strong Tower Church, Chapel, 10 5:00 Youth, YS	

### Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Sunday / Bible Sunday, Celebration at end of 40-day study.
- Nov. 25 Beginning of Advent Taizé series, 6 PM, Chapel
- Nov. 29 Service of Healing, Potluck & Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 10 39'ers Christmas Party, 8,K

## Worship & Christian Growth

Childcare for infants and children in diapers is provided east of the Sanctuary in Room A. Pauline Dean is our Nursery Room Supervisor. Other children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in **Sunday School** in Room B. Please pick your child up from Room B immediately after 10:30 worship.

### Schedule for Children & Youth

#### SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Youth	Youth Suite	David Dean
9:30 AM	Kids' Worship	Room B	Melinda Hawkins
5:00 PM	Youth Group	Youth Suite	David Dean

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	H.S. Bible Study	Youth Suite	David Dean
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### Schedule for Adults

#### SUNDAY

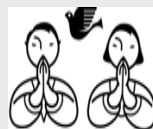
9:00 AM	Trendsetter Class	Room C
	Holy Grounds Café (current topics)	Room 5/6
	Spiritual Gifts Meetings	Room 3
9:15 AM	Life's Lessons (6th grade—adult)	Room 1

#### WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM	Communion	Chapel
10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Room 10

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Sun.	Nov. 8	Psalm 113	In Praise of the Lord's Goodness
Mon.	Nov. 9	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Hannah and Eli
Tue.	Nov. 10	Heb. 10:11-25	Let Us Come Near to God
Wed.	Nov. 11	Mark 13:1-8	Troubles & Persecutions
Ths.	Nov. 12	John 5:1-18	Healing at the Pool
Fri.	Nov. 13	John 5:19-29	Authority of the Son
Sat.	Nov. 14	Exodus 1:1-22	Treatment of Israelites in Egypt



### ADVENT TAIZÉ

Individual prayer/meditation  
Wednesdays until Christmas  
6 PM in Chapel  
Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16



November 8, 2009  
Commitment Sunday

### First United Methodist Church

This star (\*) requests that you stand,  
if you are comfortable doing so.

Please sign and pass the pew binder.

#### ENTRANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *How Beautiful* (Twila Paris) Steve Strains, trumpet

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (See Screens)

\*HYMN *Just As I Am* (vv. 1-3) # 357

\*AFFIRMATION *The World Methodist Social Affirmation* # 886

\*RESPONSE *Blessed Be The Name* # 63

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER HYMN *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised* (vv. 1-3) # 396

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS Pastor Beifuss

PRAYER RESPONSE *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised* (v. 4) # 396

OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Beifuss

OFFERTORY *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Steve Strains, Trumpet

\*RESPONSE *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* (v. 1) # 66

CHOIR ANTHEM *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Chancel Choir  
Steve Strains, trumpet

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:1-9* NT p. 259  
*Romans 12:1-2* NT p. 215

MESSAGE *God Wants You!* Pastor Simpson

#### STEWARDSHIP LITANY

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHE AND OFFERING CARDS

\*HYMN *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* # 606

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE *Postlude In D minor* (A.J. Monar) John Adkinson

### THANK YOU,

Steve Strains for providing special music this morning. We appreciate your contribution to our worship service.

# Missions & Service

## SECOND MILE GIVING FOR NOVEMBER

"The Gift of Warmth" Salvation Army

First United Methodist Church works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Catholic Family Services in order to help those who have been stricken by financial losses due to circumstances beyond their control. Only those families that have been screened and are truly in need of assistance will receive "The Gift of Warmth" to restore their gas & electricity. Won't you please show your love and help those in need again this year. **Contact Mission Committee**

## Mitten Tree

"A Christ-Mitten Story"... "It's A Wonderful Mitten"... aahhhh... just lend a helping hand (sorry!) by participating in our Mitten Tree. During the month of November we will be collecting much-needed mittens, hats & scarves for Lafayette School students.

It is a small gesture like this that can add up to a great impact in someone's life - thank you for your help.

## Turkey Dinner for The Learning League Families Monday, November 23

Can you help with food preparation?  
Please contact Adams Raschka or the church office.

## Would you like to donate bulletins?

If you are interested in purchasing special bulletins in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up at the 'Sign Up Place' in the church office. The following dates are still available:

November 29, December 6 (1st & 2nd Sundays of Advent),  
January 3, New Year

 You are needed to shine up our church for the Christmas season! Sunday, November 29, right after worship we will adjourn to rooms 4,5,6 for lunch, then drag out the greens, the lights, the memories. Enjoy this highlight of our church year. A big sliced ham, buns and tableware will be provided. If each family will bring a side-dish to share, we'll be energized to make quick work of the decorating. Please let Karen Little know if you are available that day. Thanks!

## Love INC, Open House

Thursday, Nov. 12, 11:30 to 3:00 and Sunday, Nov. 15, noon to 3:00  
Address: 1400 N. Broad Street, Griffith

Love In the Name of Christ is a cooperative mission endeavor of churches in Hammond, Griffith, Munster and Highland. Those contacting Love INC for assistance (gasoline, household items, food, clothing, etc.) are screened before help is given. First Church works with Love INC to help those who have legitimate need. Please consider attending one of their open houses to learn more about this worthwhile ministry.

News You Can Use



## USO V — Saturday, November 14

Tickets for USO 5 are available TODAY. Price is \$10, all of which goes to rehab for wounded veterans.

Workers are needed to set up on Friday, November 13, and to work at the show. If you can donate finger food or can arrange to get donuts donated, please see Norm. So far we have donated about \$7,000 to help soldiers and veterans of the war in Iraq.

## VETERANS' SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 15, we will be honoring our living military veterans. We invite you to bring pictures of veterans from your family and place them on the altar before worship on November 15. Pictures need to be taken home after worship.

## Sounds of the Season

### Agape Ringers' Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 12, 4 PM

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

Advanced Purchase tickets \$18 At the Door \$20

Call Lora Ward ASAP to order advanced purchase tickets.

## New Address for Esther Zelasko

1421 Yale Place, Apartment 1101  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

## Spiritual Gifts Meetings Will be Starting Up Again!

People who have taken the Spiritual Gifts survey and have not met with Pastor Donna or Pauline Luthi should expect to receive a letter inviting them to a meeting to discuss their spiritual gifts.

The meetings will be held in room 3 at 9:15 AM on  
November 8th, 22nd and 29th.

Please see Pauline Luthi or Pastor Donna for more information.



## SCOUTING PROGRAMS AT FUMC

Boys, Grades 1-5, Cub Scouts, Monday at 6:30.

Boys, Ages 11 - 18, Boy Scouts, Friday at 5:30.

Girls, Grades 1-5, Girl Scouts, Tuesdays at 5:30.

Young men and women, Ages 14 - 20,

Venture Scouts, Friday at 5:30.

Contact Mark Demzien for more information.



## JOIN US FOR LIFE'S LESSONS

9:15 a.m. in Room 1, for all ages!!

Each week a different presenter shares a personal story about how God has worked in his/her life. Come and listen!

## Go for a walk...

to Fellowship Hall (Room 8) and take a look at the new windows. Pastor Joe Ramirez has been working diligently replacing the old windows with new, maintenance-free, energy-efficient ones. The trim (exterior/interior) is not yet completed, but the windows are in place.

November 8, 2009



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## PASTORS

Pastor Douglas Simpson 219.789.5915

Pastor Donna Beifuss 773.320.3900

Pastor Joe Ramirez 219.932.5915

The Yellow Altar Rose is in honor of those serving in our military.

Missionaries: Jim & Julie Doepken, Alaska; Ut & Karen To, Viet Nam

Health concerns: ..... Iris Bjelich, Pauline Dean, Iris Siekman

Those struggling with economic difficulties & joblessness.

Our congregation, pastors, staff and children's & youth ministries.

Our Schools, Teachers, Children, Parents, and Community.

The Indiana Conference and the Calumet Cluster United Methodist

Churches: (Hammond) First, Hyde Park, Woodmar; (Gary) Centennial, Christ, Fifth Avenue, Marquette Park; (Hobart) First, Michigan

Ave., Trinity; and Whiting UMC.

(Please remember those of our congregation who have special needs and those residing in care facilities. See list at the east entrance to narthex.)

PRAYER BLANKETS: Carmen, Gerty, Jane, Justin, Rickel, Tracey

USHERS: ..... (10:30) Bob Brock, Don Copple, Ellen Hackett,

..... Champ Merrick, Henry Showers, Dave Watson

..... (8:00) Jerry & Vera Vestal

CHOIR DIRECTOR ..... Dick Mackin

BELL DIRECTOR ..... Lora Ward

ORGANIST ..... John Adkinson

SOUND / VIDEO TECH ..... Mark Demzien, Arlene Dickover



Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Karen Radwan's mother, Marie Tuttle, by Pauline Luthi.