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SPREADING THE WORD

May 2017

Plants, picnics, hayrides & more!

Teter Farm Plant Sale

Teter Organic Farm will host its first Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday **May 13** from 9am-2pm. This is a great opportunity to get flowers, vegetables, and herbs for your garden, with proceeds benefiting the farm's mission to serve those in Hamilton County struggling with food insecurity.

“Our Plant Sale Fundraiser will help support the work we are doing to build community and provide access to locally grown, chemical free produce.” – Jonah Tabb



Bring a picnic and celebrate Mother's Day! Enjoy the covered picnic shelter and playground, take a hayride, and walk the trails through the woods and along the White River!

“Our Plant Sale Fundraiser will help support the work we are doing to build community around and provide access to locally grown, chemical free produce,” explained Farm Manager Jonah Tabb. “And it is a great chance to come out and see what we have going on at the farm and meet the people who have come together around this mission.”

Interested in helping? See article on [page 6!](#)

ON THE CALENDAR



May 5 — First Friday Gathering

May 7 & May 11 — Stephen Minister information session

May 12 — Mother Child Banquet

May 13 — Teter Plant Sale

More at ... www.NoblesvilleFirst.com

Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.



— Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV)

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FROM PASTOR JERRY'S DESK jrairdon@noblesvillefirst.com

Ministry Action Plan progress

core values and visioning workshops, and gathering the discernment from 11 prayer walking groups. To complete this goal, we still need to ask all key ministry teams to meet with our Coach Ann Handschu to set ministry goals which align with our declared vision.

2. Create a Clear Intentional Faith Development Process. Pastor Dick Judson has formed a Path of Discipleship Team which is studying the book *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*. We met with Ann Handschu April 25 to begin detailing the steps and options for a life-long discipleship process which

leads to a life of spiritual maturity and service.

The decision has been made

to launch a small group process this fall with Pastor Aaron Hobbs coordinating the effort.

3. Create Congregation-Wide Strategies for Reaching New Generations. Our Young Adult Strategy Team has been formed and has met twice. Our first actions were creating a gathering space on Sunday morning for young adults to meet one another and build relationships. Plans are being made for more fellowship opportunities while we continue studying the unique needs and challenges of this new generation of adults. The ministry action plan calls for us to study demographic data of the area, visit two other churches successful reaching this generation and to

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It has been a while since I've reported on our progress with the Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) Ministry Action Plan we adopted last fall. Here is a breakdown on where we are at with the five goals:

1. Discern a Clear, Shared Vision.

We adopted our new vision *Rooted in love, connecting people, planting seeds of hope* on January 8 after conducting

New Summer Study!

Carol Miller, Phyllis Hunter and Pastor Dick will be facilitating a new Summer Study! The study will be entitled "Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spritual Gifts." This will be a study which will help participants discern and discover your Spiritual Gifts and

how God may be calling you into service for the Kingdom. This is an eight-week study will meet on Mondays from 9:30-11:30am in the Parlor, beginning on **June 5** and concluding on July 31. Study books are \$15.

Words that Matter series

We unpacked two key Old Testament words in April. "Hesed" is used primarily to describe God's steadfast love and mercy for us best seen in his covenant loyalty to Israel despite their frequent disobedience. The Hebrew word for spirit is "Ruach." It describes how God creates and sustains us. It is cosmic and intimately personal, constantly dwelling in every human being.

In May, we move to the New Testament and focus on the misunderstood word for sin "Hamartia" on **May 14**. I think after you hear this message you will find it much easier to own up to the mistakes made by every human being. On **May 21**, we will deepen our understanding of another misused word "Sozo." Have you ever been asked, "Are you saved?" If so, you will want to hear this message.

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Mother Child Banquet

Join us for our annual Mother Child Banquet on Friday **May 12** at 6:30-8:30pm in Celebration Hall. The adult dinner is meat lasagna (vegetarian on request), salad, garlic bread and a brownie for \$10. The child's dinner is Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets, apple-sauce, chips and a brownie for \$5.

Amazon John will entertain us with his live Silly Safari

animal show. Tickets are available in the church office or from Anita Beck anitajbeck@comcast.net or Jean Morris mrsejmorris@sbcglobal.net.



Mission field spotlight Student Ministries

--Written by Tom Shriver

I feel blessed to be in a congregation that allows so much freedom and support when it comes to missions. I've been on staff for almost three years and have had the privilege of traveling to Guatemala, Indianapolis, Orlando and North Carolina with our middle and high school students. This summer we'll add Chicago to that list.

I love all of the missions I get to do with students, but the most impactful trip I've ever done is our Give Kids the World trip over spring break to Orlando, Fla. Our students spend the week making magic happen and helping dreams come true for families.

"It really puts things in perspective," says Amanda Mumhrey. "You realize how small your problems are. Boys and school just don't matter when you see what these kids are going through."

It's rare to find a partnership that our students want to stay involved

Youth Handbell Summer Program

We are inviting anyone who is currently in middle school or high school to participate in the Youth Handbells Summer Program. It's a 9-week commit-



ment and will meet on Sundays, 9:30-10:30am in the choir room, beginning Sunday **June 4** and ending when we play for the 9:30am service on Sunday, **July 30**.

ESL luncheons

Thanks to all those who have shared food and fellowship with the monthly English as a Second Language (ESL) student who take classes here at the church. The students are very appreciative and it has been lots of fun! Would you like to contribute or attend? Contact anitajbeck@comcast.net or call the church office at 317-773-2500.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in learning and making beautiful music. Some previous music knowledge and

experience would be helpful, but not required!

"I started playing handbells with our church when I was in middle school and I truly loved the experience," shared Kate Baker. "I made lasting friends and memories and can't wait to pass that on to this generation of students."

Questions? Contact Kate at kbaker@noblesvillefirst.com or 310-570-6071

Let's get ringin'!



with beyond graduation, but Give Kids the World is certainly one of

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United Methodist Women

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CIRCLE REPORTS

Esther Circle will be helping with the Mother/Child Banquet on Friday, May 12.

Grace Circle will meet on Monday, May 8 in the Bi-Rooms at 9am. Each member is encouraged to bring 2-3 dozen cookies/goodies for assembling on trays to take to the Riverwalk Commons employees as part of our Cookie Ministry.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 16 in the Student Ministry South room at 6:30pm. The program will feature Sandy Spatta speaking about her trip to Africa.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at Teter at 6:30pm for a Pitch-In with Jonah. Yum!

Rebekah Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at the Roberts/Jacobi Airport at 9:30am for their annual salad luncheon. A speaker from the last mission trip to Guatemala will be presenting the program.

Ruth Circle will meet on Sunday, May 21 out at Teter at 5pm. We will be planting some of the unsold items from the Plant Sale and/or other needed tasks as situation and weather dictates.

Susannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at Riverwalk Commons at 9:30am. The program has yet to be determined.

For more information about UMW circles, contact Anita Beck anitajbeck@comcast.net or 317-773-1430.

RUMMAGE SALE

Storage unit available



Rummage Sale Storage. If you are reorganizing, cleaning closets, or just de-cluttering and you would like to store your items for our rummage sale in June, please call Janet Roberts 317-773-0436 or Marianne Jacobi 317-773-3112. We once again have access to a large storage unit at SOS Storage on Cumberland Road. Other than furniture please have items boxed or in large trash bags. Rummage Sale is **June 14-16**.



United Methodist Women

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for drop off times and sale times. Sign up sheets will be in the information kiosks.



DROP OFF TIMES

Sunday, June 11, 1-5pm
Monday, June 12, 9am-4pm
Tuesday, June 13, 9-11am
(No items accepted after 11am)

SHOPPING TIMES

Wednesday, June 14, 3-7pm
Thursday, June 15, 3-7pm
Friday, June 16, 8am-noon

All proceeds benefit the United Methodist Women and the many projects they support.

UMW reading program

This month's featured book is *Not Safe for Church* by F. Douglas Powe Jr. and Jasmine Rose Smothers.

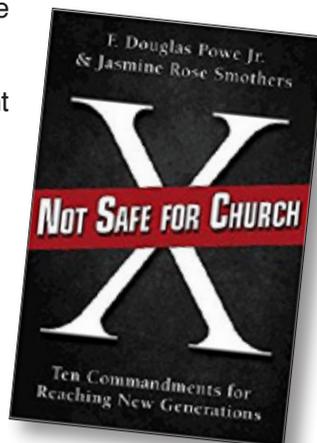
Congregations say they want to reach new and younger people, many of whom are simply turned off by church. Read about 10 ways to help reframe the good news in non-traditional ways and put good intentions into action.

Are you interested in topics that affect the world today? Want to

exchange ideas with others who enjoy reading? Then the UMW

reading program is for you! Book titles, available in the church library, are chosen by the UMW Conference and cover missions, leadership, community and social action.

Readers who choose to follow a reading plan can earn a Certificate of Recognition from the UMW Conference.





Care@NoblesvilleFirst.com

Care Ministry email address introduced

Are you in need of assistance from our Care Ministry Teams? Your church family would like to help you transition through your unexpected and ongoing life challenges.

Use our new email address ... care@noblesvillefirst.com ... to let us know what we can specifically do for you. Or visit NoblesvilleFirst.com and click "Care Request" under the Care drop-down menu to fill out a request online.

From prayer before surgery, to meals, visitation, Stephen Minister assistance, support groups, prayer quilts and more, we are available to answer your needs.

We want to walk beside you to aid in your journey through difficult times. Contact us as we are anxious to be part of your support team.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." — James 1:2-3

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First Friday Gathering



First Friday Gatherings / Elderberries will be finishing the season with an indoor picnic! We will meet in Celebration Hall at noon on Friday **May 5**. We will enjoy picnic food prepared by Chef Mike Cowart, featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, and all kinds of side dishes. All you have to bring is yourself -- we will even supply the ants! We will not have a program this day, just an "old fashion" picnic and fellowship! Sign up at the kiosks by May 1!

Elderberries Bible Study

The Elderberries Bible Study continues with a study of James Moore's book, "God Takes A Little and Makes

Elderberries Senior Ministry

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A Lot". The class meets on Thursdays at 10am in the Parlor.

Thoughts on the ROCKS

Thoughts on the Rocks men's group will meet on Thursday **May 11** at 6pm at the South Harbor Clubhouse in Noblesville. Come and enjoy great conversation, dinner, fun and watch a game. Join us as we honor the remembrance of Memorial Day.

Thoughts on the Rocks Saturday Breakfast will meet on Saturday **May 20** in the Parlor at Noblesville First from 8-9:30 am. A light breakfast will be available. Please join us as we continue our quest to become better versions of ourselves. Please

RSVP to Joe Greco
joegrecu@sbcglobal.net or 317-902-5774 if you plan to attend so we make sure to have enough food.

"Thoughts on the Rocks" Men's Ministry

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Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School "G Force"

Our theme this year is Cokesbury's G Force and it will be presented the week of **June 19** from 9am-12:15pm. This program is open to children ages 3-1/2 (turning 4 by Dec. 31 and potty trained) to those entering 5th grade in the fall. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Email Carol Getch at cgetch@noblesvillefirst.com.

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Registration

Registration continues for Preschool and PDO. Some of our classes, however, are



now closed. We have extra room around this building and are willing to open new classes! Come, take a tour, and meet the most amazing staff!

Scotland art exchange

Two of our Preschool classes participated in an art exchange program with the Bridge of Don Academy in Scotland. Their work will be showcased at Noblesville City Hall the month of May!



Noblesville Methodist Preschool & Parents Day Out

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Team Teter ... growing together

Our mission at Teter Organic Farm is to provide chemical free, locally grown food in Hamilton county, while building meaningful relationships within the church and the broader community. Consider contributing time or resources!



Plant Sale Fundraiser.

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Help with the Plant Sale Fundraiser on Saturday **May 13**. Jobs include set up, plant care "experts", directing parking, helping to load and carry plants, cashiers, and general set-up.

Weed Warriors. Saving plants, one weed at a time. Stop by for 30-45 minutes, pull some weeds, and get on with your day or evening!

An Evening in the Weeds. (self explanatory ;-) Tuesday **May 2**, anytime between 6pm and 8pm.

Worship Area Clean-Up. Help Pastor Jerry with cleaning, mulching & moving benches in the Teter worship area on Saturday **May 6** anytime from 9am to 11am.

Fun in the Greenhouse. Help out in the greenhouse Saturday **May 6**, anytime between 10am and 2pm, as we continue to prepare plants for the

Spring Clean-Up. Help spruce up the areas around the lodge and cabin on Sunday **May 21**. Come for a two-hour shift between noon and 6pm.

Greenhouse Watering Team. Watering takes about one hour and can begin anytime before 9am

Regular volunteer times. Groups of volunteers work during these times:
Tuesdays, 10am-noon & 6-8pm
Thursdays, 10am-noon
Fridays, 9am-noon
4th Saturday of the month, 2-4pm

Or contact us with any time that fits your schedule!

Items needed: Wood (lumber, plywood, boards), containers (barrels, boxes, buckets), posts (T posts and wooden posts), used carpeting, farm pick-up truck. All donations are tax deductible!

Teter Organic Farm

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THE VINE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Middle & High School Student Ministry

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Graduation Sunday May 21

Attention Graduates! Are you graduating from high school, college or graduate school? Or have one in your home? Please come as we celebrate your accomplishments on Sunday May 21 during the 9:30 worship service in Celebration Hall. There will be a short reception following the service in Wesley Hall. Please email your name, school and degree to jhadley@noblesvillefirst.com

Middle School Mission Trip July 8-14

This exciting trip is scheduled for July 8-14. We'll be going to Chicago, Ill., with Praying Pelican Missions. We're excited to serve God in Chicago this summer! We'll do whatever is needed of us, but we've requested to work with a VBS or Sports Ministry. We can't wait to see what is in store for us this year. This trip is open to anyone currently in 6th-8th grade. Registration deadline is May 10. For more info visit noblesvillefirst.com/msmissiontrip.



Boy Scouts Troop 101

The troop hosted the Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Kreitenstein, a fun campout where our troop gets together with other troops for games and learning more about the Order of the Arrow. It was a great experience having fun with other troops.



The troop also had their Order of the Arrow nominee elections to see who would be our new Scouts in the order.

The ThunderBirds Patrol picked up trash at Forest Park and went to Culver's for ice cream. The group also went to see

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Sunshine Friends

Sunshine Friends will meet on Monday **May 8** in Celebration Hall from 6:30-8:30pm. This is our monthly fellowship for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This month's gathering is a night we all look forward to, as we present our special talents in our annual TALENT SHOW! You can sing, dance, tell us a joke, show us your artwork, be part of our Bible Drama or amaze us with anything that you can do. We will also take part in fun crafts and snacks. If you know anyone who would like to be a part of this awesome group, please contact anitajbeck@comcast.net or call the church office at 317-773-2500. Come join us!



Staff spotlight

Matt Hantelman

Leading a worship service focused on discussion is one of the highlights of work at Noblesville First for Matt Hantelman.



Matt first came to Noblesville First as a student in 1999 when he was invited to attend youth group. In adulthood, he worked for the church as a youth and music minister from 2005-2010. He then worked at Park Memorial UMC in Jeffersonville from 2011-2014, but returned to Noblesville First in April 2016 to work part-time leading the then-new Thursday Worship.

"I like the opportunity to lead a service focused on discussion," Matt explained "I believe the Holy Spirit works within discussion to help bring truth."

The greatest challenge Matt faces is balancing church, work and family life. He works full-time as an actuary at Carmel-based CNO Financial Inc. He and his wife Kendall have a son Steven (and two dogs). In his spare time, Matt enjoys video games, board games, cooking and music.

Learn more about the current "Tough Questions" series that Matt designed specifically for Thursday Worship series at www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/worship. Matt and the pastors will address questions like Are there any muslims in heaven? What is hell? and Where is God in times of war?

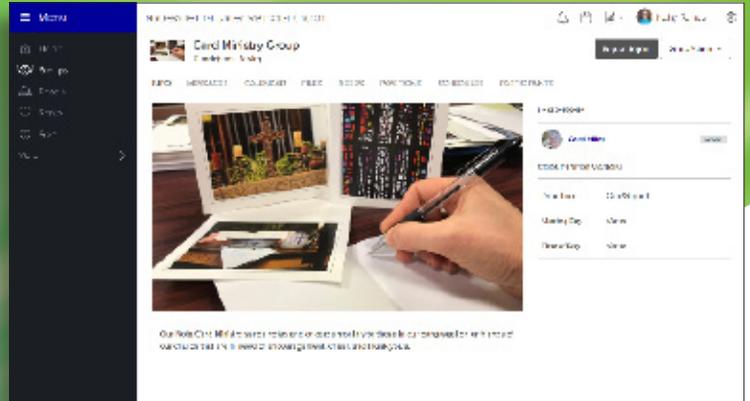
Finding GROUPS in "the Square"

The new church database and online community, called *the Square*, will be a great tool as Noblesville First continues to grow.

Learn how to get started in *the Square* and watch a fun and informative video at www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/theSquare.

In the coming months, we'll use this section of the newsletter to highlight features in *the Square* that users will find helpful. This month we'll focus on the "Groups" section.

1. Go to www.NoblesvilleFirst.com and click on *the Square* OR from the Noblesville First app, tap the menu icon (three bars) at the top and choose The Square.
2. If you don't already have a Username and Password, click **Sign Up** and follow the steps. Otherwise, **Log In** using your username and password.
3. Once logged in, click GROUPS in the left sidebar.



4. If you are already in a church group, it will be listed under MY GROUPS.

5. To browse church groups, click on the Advanced Search link to the right of FIND A GROUP. Customize your search or use the default settings and click SEARCH to view all 161 groups!

Click on any group to view a description, contact person, meeting days & times and more! Explore additional information on the listed tabs under the group's title.

If you find a group you're interested in, click the grey "Request to join" button.

If you have questions about *the Square* contact Brooke Crum at bcrum@noblesvillefirst.com or call the church office 317-773-2500.

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Global Leadership Summit



Leadership is influence. Everyone has influence. Maximize it. And get ready for the Global Leadership Summit **August 10-11**.

The Summit will be simulcasted live in HD from the sold-out Willow Creek campus in South Barrington, Ill., to 400,000 of your peers at

1,375+ locations around the globe, including **White River Christian Church** here in Noblesville!

Everyone is invited to join the Noblesville First team for the simulcast!

To learn more, follow the link at www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/summit.

Thursday Worship Tough Questions

Matt Hantelman has developed the Tough Questions message series specifically for Thursday Worship. These questions were gathered from those who attend Thursday Worship. He has invited the pastors to take on one of these questions or to weigh in on a topic in a team preaching experience. The following is the schedule for the series:

- April 20 - Who Created God?
- April 27 - If God is Omnipotent, Why Did Jesus Have to Die?
- May 4 - Youth Thursday
- May 11 - Are There Any Muslims in Heaven?
- May 18 - What Is Hell?
- May 25 - Why Does an All-Loving God Allow Tragedy?
- June 1 - Where Is God in Times of War?
- June 8 - Why Do We Follow Certain Scriptures and Not Others?

Jail Ministry training

There is currently a need for volunteers to reach out to our community and serve our Lord at the Hamilton County Jail.

Training

will take place on Monday **June 5** from 7-9pm, at the Noblesville Christian Life Center, 772 N. 10th Street. All volunteers are required to attend a training session once every year.

Ministry at the jail will take place in a six-week session on Monday



evenings 7:30-10pm beginning **June 19**. Two talks are given per session, then discussion and prayer. Men minister to men and women minister to women.

Questions? Contact Stacy Corwin at stacy@stacycorwin.com or 317-459-1503.

Mission spotlight

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them. I encourage anyone who finds themselves in Orlando, Fla., to spend at least one day volunteering there. It's a life-changing experience.

We're excited to spend some time in Chicago this summer (July 8-14) with our middle school students. We'll likely be working in a Vacation Bible School or Sports Ministry setting. I'm always encouraged by students who give up a week of their summer to serve! I want to give a big thanks to our congregation for your continued support and prayers. It means a lot!

Worship opportunities

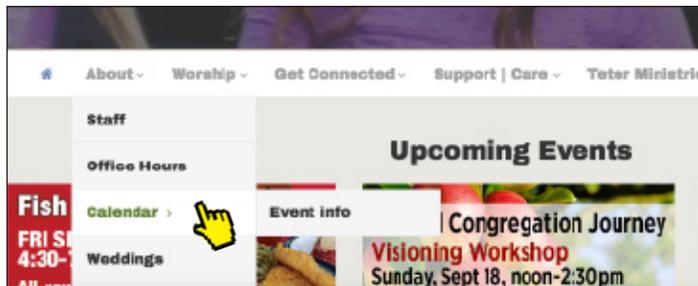
THU 6:30pm Thursday Worship in the Vine, relaxed mid-week worship for all ages.

SUN 8:30am Sanctuary
Choral Ensemble, Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month.

SUN 9:30am Celebration Hall
Chancel Choir, Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month, and classes & childcare for all ages.

SUN 11am Sanctuary
Praise Street Band, communion weekly, interactive prayer time, Exit 11 children's ministry & childcare in the nursery.

Online church calendar



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Connect your Kroger Plus Card with Noblesville First!
You'll earn donations for the church every time you shop.
Visit www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards to enroll.
Our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number is: 45853.



Information Session

Learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister

Our church will begin training a new class of Stephen Ministers beginning on **June 6** at 6:30pm. For those who might be interested in being a part of this class, we will be holding an information session after all worship services on Sunday **May 7** and Thursday **May 11** in the Stephen Ministry Room (north side of Celebration Hall). There will be a short video and time for you to ask questions. This is a great opportunity to learn more and decide whether this is the right ministry for you. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and can't attend the information session, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sally Kenley, Barb Shepard, or Keith Beesley (317) 431-0847.

Miss a sermon?

 Watch or listen from:

1) the sermon archive at www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/sermons, 2) your favorite podcast app ... search "Noblesville First" or 3) on the church app. Search "Noblesville First" from the [AppStore](#) or [GooglePlay](#).



Sign up for Pastor Jerry's weekly email

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/jp7m8tn> to sign up.

Ministry Action Plan (continued from page 2)

interview several persons in this age category.

4. Develop an Accountable Leadership Environment. In response to this goal we have established the single board structure which has produced good results so far. We have also chosen to be a strategic partner in hosting the Leadership Summit August 10-11 (see cover story). This goal is somewhat on hold until we define the path of discipleship because once it is in place we will know better what leaders we need and will develop a process to train these leaders. We will need to rewrite job descriptions of staff and ministry team positions to make them vision-centered.

5. Develop and Implement Effective Welcoming & Connecting Strategies. Pastor Aaron and Brooke Crum have

taken some immediate steps in this area by expanding the hospitality with a First Impressions Team. They have also done some training recently with our Ushers and Greeters to remind them how vital their work is, especially with new worshippers. A resource card has been produced which highlights key information a worship guest might need. The Ministry Action Plan calls for a very detailed strategic plan that will require some additional study and goals established which meet the concerns raised by the FCJ Mystery Guests report.

As you can see there is still much work to be done. If you would like a copy of the full Ministry Action Plan please email me at jrairdon@noblesvillefirst.com.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Jerry Rairdon

Boy Scout report (continued from page 7)

Kong: Skull Island at the movie theater. The Hawkeye Patrol played games at a scout's house. The Fire Breathing Ducks picked up trash along Hinkle Road and went back to a scout's house for fun. The group also sorted and packed diapers at Grace Church.

Order of the Arrow enjoyed

Conclave at Camp Buffalo early in April where they took part in shooting sports like shotgun shooting, rifle shooting and archery.

Upcoming events include Scout Skills Campout, Spring Camporee, Just a Campout Campout, Fire Crafter Spring Fellowship, and Archery Campout!

Thank you notes

Dear Church family,

You have become very precious to me because of all your ministry to me and my family. Your prayers, prayer blankets, love and kindness really showed your love and work for God. Thank you for all you've done. I look forward to meeting and working with more of you.

Wendy Bittle

Just a note to say Thank You for remembering me. The red tulips are so beautiful. Love them. And thank you to the two friends who delivered them, Ruth & Margaret. Best wishes.

Barb Smith

Wow! You are all so awesome! Kids all over Indiana are wearing clean, new pajamas thanks to you! They are enjoying a book, for perhaps the first time, that they can call their own. Thank you so, so much!

Kim DeMasie
Pajama Program Indiana

Thanks to First United Methodist Church for dropping off snacks for our folks at the Noblesville Police Department. Your thoughtfulness and support are so much appreciated

Chief Kevin Jowitt



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MONDAY, JUNE 5
3-7pm in Wesley Hall

Sign up at:

- www.Donorpoint.org
- the information kiosks



Additional thank you notes are posted on the information kiosks.

Prayer tips: Finding quiet time

by Beth Lively

Hebrews 11:1-2 The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

Many folks don't have much faith anymore. They may not even know what it is. We live in a hailstorm of advertising pelting us with seductive persuasion from every direction. Surrounded by material things, fast food, a world online, we find ourselves exhausted by the end of the day, our brains cluttered, sticky, spinning and thinkless.

Yes, thinkless. In this world, sorting our thoughts from the snarl of information bombarding us is almost impossible. Finding time and place to turn off the chaos seems hopeless. No time or quiet exists. No solitude. Nothing spiritual. Nothing faithful.

Without awareness of our inner selves, we can't find Christ in us. Without peace and time to focus in stillness, we can't hear the whisper of God, the loving voice that soothes and strengthens even as it empowers. Without a quiet mind, we simply cannot get there and this world seems to do all it can to separate us from ourselves. Yet,

this world has no power if it doesn't control us, doesn't woo us, every second asking for all our attention, time and money.

The saddest piece of this is that a great deal of the population no longer think they need faith because they have been brainwashed into thinking they can work all the time, make lots of money and then buy everything of value they want or need. Busy-ness has replaced faith, but for most, has not produced real joy.

See, we can't give love if we don't know what it really is. We can't receive love if we do not know and love ourselves. We can do none of it without our faith in God, the only Truth that makes life worthwhile. And in order to do that we need quiet, uninterrupted time and intentional focus. Where do you see yourself in this? Who owns you?



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