

***First United Methodist Church
Decatur, Indiana***

***Worship & Praise 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 14, 2010***

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH
*Fourth Sunday of Lent***

Prelude: (As the service starts, take time to be in the presence of God.)

(10:30) Anthem: "Assurance" Chancel Choir

Focus: Series on the Old Testament. Today we look at the book of Joshua. God is calling the people to "Trust Him" and to Step into the River.

Joys Shared: (Please take time to sign the registration pad)

Today: If you are a new attender we would love for you to be included in the church directory, please call the church office (724-3158) with name, address and phone number - or - write it in the attendance pad (in the pew) and write (Directory) in the margin.

Today: Second Sunday Soups. After 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

Wed.: Every Wed. of Lent you are invited to take a moment for prayer and Communion 7:30-8:30 am - Loren serving this week.

Sat.: Lenten Breakfast for Men at Pleasant Mills UMC at 8:30 am. (All men invited.) Jerry Musilek will speak about drug addiction.

April 1: Holy Thursday Service. We need to know how many will attend - for set up. The service is a quiet time of songs, scripture, Holy Communion and hand washing.

****Greeting:*** (remain standing)

****Chorus:*** "You Are Worthy of My Praise"

L: I will worship	P: I will worship
L: With all my heart	P: With all my heart
L: I will praise You	P: I will praise You
L: with all of my strength	P: with all of my strength

L: I will seek You	P: I will seek You
L: All of my days	P: All of my days
L: I will follow	P: I will follow
L: All of Your ways	P: All of Your ways

Refrain: Singing together! (2x)

*I will give - You all my worship,
I will give - You all my praise.
You alone - I long to worship,
You alone - are worthy of my praise.*

***Chorus:** **“Step by Step”**
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You’ll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days. BMG Songs, Inc. and Kid Brothers of St. Frank Publishing (ASCAP)
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***Chorus:** **“I Walk by Faith”**
I walk by faith, each step by faith;
To live by faith, I put my trust in You.
I walk by faith, each step by faith;
To live by faith, I put my trust in You.
Ev’ry step I take is a step of faith,
No weapon formed against me shall prosper.
Ev’ry prayer I make is a prayer of faith,
And if my God is for me, who can be against me? *(to beginning)*
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***Chorus:** **“God Will Make A Way” / “Got Any Rivers”**
God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.

Got any rivers you think are uncrossable
Got any mountains you can’t tunnel through
God specializes in things called impossible
He’ll do for you what no other power can do. Used by permission-CCLI1147100

***Joshua 1:2-5 and 9**
L: Get ready! Get going! It’s time!
P: Let us not be timid or get discouraged.
L: For the Lord our God will be with us wherever we go.
P: God will never leave us or forsake us.
L: It’s time to cross the river.

***Hymn:** **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** (vs. 1, 3) #127

Old Testament Lesson: **Joshua 3:11-17 (pg. 153)**
 “Step into the River”

Gathering of Prayer Concerns and Call to Prayer:
(During the music, be in prayer. You are invited to the prayer rail. There are prayer cards on the rail that you are invited to sign.)

Prayer of Confession: (silent prayer)
*Lord, I want the water to part before I step into the river. I want to follow You but I don’t want to take risks. I want discipleship to be safe.
But You call me to take the first step in faith.*

Prayer Chorus: **“Got Any Rivers”**
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Got any mountains you can’t tunnel through
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Ministry of Giving:

Offertory Prayer:

Offertory: (10:30) Solo: "Friend of God" Taylor Knaub

(10:30) Children are invited to go to Jr. Church - (Pre-School-Grade 4)

Message:

**Ken Mahan
"The Law of the First Step"**

- Sins of the Parents?

- We are 3rd day people.

- Joshua 3:13 "Step into the River"

It was flood stage.

The banks were steep.

What if you were first to step into the river?

God is teaching.

Question: What is your Jordan River?

***Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 1, 3) #529**

***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

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WORSHIP this morning is enhanced by the ministries of:

Choir Accompanist: Jody Paschal (10:30)

Liturgist: Kevin Lengerich (10:30)

Acolytes: Joe Hawkins, Rileigh Wolpert, Sydni Wolpert (10:30)

Greeters: Bob & Bev Stuck (8:15)

Ellen Basham & Kelley Mies (10:30)

Ushers: Jim Price, Harold Vanhorn, Leroy Walters, Jeff Miller (10:30)

Video Ministry: Kevin, Nan & Ashley Cook, Joyce Seip,

Austin Tricker, Sherril Walters, Jeff & Rhonda McIntosh

PowerPoint: Shelley Porter

Sound: Mike Boyd

Van Driver: James Taylor

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!

The Week at a Glance

Today

8:00 am Worship Service Preparation (Church Lounge)

8:15 am Worship Service in Chapel

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am Worship Service Preparation in Chapel

**10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary (Nursery Care), Second
Sunday Soups following the service (Fellowship Hall)**

**11:30 am Evangelism-Outreach Committee (eat and meet)
(Fellowship Hall)**

Monday, March 15

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Family Life Center)

6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 16

9-11 am MOPS Playdate (Family Life Center)

12:00 pm Wisdom People at the Galley Restaurant

2:00 pm Bible Study (Church Lounge)

6:30 pm Board of Trustees (Church Lounge)

7:00 pm A.A. Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 pm Administrative Council (Family Life Center)

Wednesday, March 17

6:30 am Men at West End Restaurant

7:30-8:30 am Communion in Chapel

5-6 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Prayer & Share I (Church Library)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 18

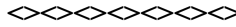
6:00 pm Weigh-in (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Weight-Watchers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm VBS Cluster Meeting (God's Zoo Room)

Saturday, March 20

8:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Pleasant Mills UMC



Easter Flowers / Flower Garden Fund

If you would like to order an Easter flower or make a donation to the Flower Garden Fund "In Memory of" or "In Honor of", please fill out the form below. Easter flowers are \$11.00 each. After filling out the form, please return it to the offering plate or Church office by **March 29**. A list of those who purchased an Easter flower or donated to the Flower Garden Fund will be in the bulletin Easter Sunday, April 4. Call or see Donna Owens (728-2059), if you have any questions.

Please check one:

Easter flower(s) - How many

Flower Garden Fund

I/We would like to donate

In Memory of

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In Honor of

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Given by

Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Reservations are needed so tables can be set.

I (name) _____ will be attending the Holy Thursday service.

There will be _____ of us.

number

(You may place in offering plate or call the church office 724-3158.)

Prayer Notes

1. PRAYER CHAIN NO.: Church office 724-3158 from 8-12 or 1-5
Monday-Friday or Harriet Soldner at 724-7998 after office hours.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- A. **This Week** - Lyman Hann, Margaret Hann, Cindy Heimann, Nancy Helm, Karen Tricker, Bob Gent, Bradley Combs, Tana Sheets, Beulah Parrish, Ralph Smith, Eileen Wolpert, Dan Odell, Sydney Fernandes, Janet Tharp, Troy & Alicia Floor
 - B. **Sister Church** - Northeast District Church: Bippus Calvary United Methodist Church, Pastor: Kenton Lord
 - C. **Local Church** - Cornerstone Community Church
 - D. **Church Members** - Richard Childs & Adam Clark
(Each week we will be praying for two members of the church.)
 - E. **Hope Chest** - Tammy Smith
- 3. Homebound** - Mary Hefner, Fred Dellinger, Florence Brandyberry
- 4. Those in the Military** - Col. Jeff Soldner
7405 Cinereal Ct.
Roanoke, IN 46783
- 5. Retirement & Nursing Homes** -
At Woodcrest: Ruth Baxter-Room 932 Lenore Holtsberry-Room 903
 Betty Fifer-Room 973 Violet Kreisler-Room 975
 Phyllis Hite-Apt. 214 Dick & Vel Wasson-Room 911
 Lyman Hann-Room 924
At Evergreen Ct. Apts.: John Clark-Rm. 1001, Beulah Parrish-Rm. 1006
At Village Oaks: Marcie Merica
At Village of Heritage: Colleen Cook
At Swiss Village: Ann Blaney-Rm. 356A, Sara Lu Collier-Edelweiss 1387
- 6. Missionaries:** Stephen Newnum (Brazil)
 Jennifer Sims (Campus Crusade/Jesus Film Project)
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Ministers.....God's People
Pastor.....Ken Mahan
Pastor/Choir Director.....Loren Felabom
Children's Ministries.....Annette Gower
Small Group Coordinator.....Mike Snyder
Secretary..... Janet Frauhiger
Music Coordinator/OrganistJudy Martin
Administrative Assistant.....Nancy Thompson
Youth Directors.....Charlie & Jean Brune
Custodian.....Esther Kline
Hope Chest Manager.....Tammy Smith
Kids First Child Care Director.....Tana Sheets
Associate District Superintendent.....Charles Gast, Jr.
District Superintendent.....David Michel
Bishop.....Michael J. Coyner

News & Weekly Articles

If you are a new attendee we would love for you to be included in the church directory, please call the church office with your name, address and phone number.

Wednesday A.M. Communion in Lent — Every Wednesday until March 31 Loren and Ken will be serving Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings in the Chapel. During the Lenten season you are invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment of prayer and Communion. The time will be 7:30-8:30 am.

Second Sunday Soups - Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class will be serving chili and chicken noodle soup today in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service.

Wisdom People will be meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 12:00 noon at the Galley Restaurant.

Newsletter articles due to the Church office by March 18.

Kids First Annual Dinner — Come and enjoy a wonderful brunch with family and friends on Sunday, March 28 from 9:15 am-12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free will donation to raise money for IAEYC Conference and staff training April 8-10. Menu: Egg casserole, sausage patty, biscuits & sausage gravy, baked oatmeal, danishes, donuts, cereal, fruit and drinks.

The Hope Chest (127 S. 2nd St.) — Spring is almost here! Please think of us when doing your spring cleaning!

Video Ministry Help Needed — We really do need more people on the Video Ministry Team. It takes 5 people per week to film, record, copy and deliver the tapes and DVDs each week. If we had an additional 3-4 people volunteer, we could be on a 3 week rotation schedule. If you think this is an area where you could serve, please call the Church office or tell Kevin Cook.

Operation Help -- A reminder that dishwashing soap is needed for Operation Help for the month of March. A large basket with a sign indicating Operation Help is located at the end of the hall between the Chapel and the Narthex. Thank you.

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
March 7	\$8,485.85	\$7,187.00

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>
February 28	\$6,762.71	\$7,187.00

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