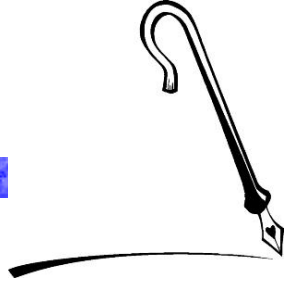


# Gospel Echoes

October 2011



## A Word from Pastor John...

Dear members & friends of the St. Luke's UMC:

I want to begin the newsletter by thanking all of you who worked so diligently on the *Veteran's Week-end* with Randy Kington, and to commend all of you who contributed to the love offering for him. Our offering was almost \$1200.00, and I'm thankful that our congregation could be a "blessing" to him as well as being blessed by his ministry to us. Since I first met them I have been inspired by Randy and Patty. When I consider all the issues they have faced in life together, it helps me to focus on the positives in my life when I feel like complaining.

As we look forward to our *Revival and Spiritual Renewal Services* with Rev. Stan Hankins, I'm praying for a good turnout from our church family. Stan has sent the titles for the series of messages that he'll be preaching, and they look both interesting and provocative to me; in fact they promise to address some very real issues in our lives:

**Sunday Morning, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

Stan's message will be entitled, *Believing the Unbelievable*, and Justin Paschal, from Lafayette, will

provide the special music. Justin is a young man who came to Christ, under my ministry, and he is a gifted songwriter, composer and singer. Other than that, he is a regular guy with a family and he works at *Caterpillar*.

**Sunday Evening, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Stan's message will be entitled, *Bearing the Unbearable*, and one of my favorite singers—daughter Beth Plybon—will provide the special music. Beth leads the *Children's Choir* at the Dayton UMC and she lives with her family at Rossville.

**Monday Evening, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Stan's message will be entitled, *Loving the Unlovable*, and Mike Hall, from Frankfort, will provide the special music. Mike is well known in the Frankfort and Lafayette areas for his musical talent, and he also is very gifted at writing, composing and singing. Some of you may have known him when he was leading a Christian Band called *Messenger*. Mike has his own business where he specializes in floor coverings.

**Tuesday Evening, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Stan's message will be entitled, *Forgiving the Unforgivable*, and Lee Ruse, from Lafayette, will provide the special music. Lee is a retired union carpenter who has been blessed with the gift of singing, and he sings solos for worship as well as for weddings and funeral services. For our men who are taking *The Great Adventure in Men's Fraternity*, it may interest you to know that Lee has accompanied me on a number of adventures over the years and he's a "down to earth guy" who can give you a "glimpse of heaven" when he sings.

I'm especially praying that our *Revival and Spiritual Renewal Services* will be a blessing to our entire church family as we "set aside" these few days to focus on seeking God's highest and best for our lives—May we pray, both individually and corporately—*Lord, will you revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*

Onward & Upward

Pastor John

# Revival & Spiritual Renewal Services

OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>—11<sup>TH</sup>

With

Rev. N. Stan Hankins

*Of*

*Ambassadors For Christ*

N. Stan Hankins is a graduate of Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary, and he served as a pastor of multi-ethnic congregations in the Hawaiian Islands for fifteen years.

Since 1966, as a full-time international evangelist, he regularly speaks at leadership training conferences, teaches at theological colleges, and preaches in various ministry settings and retreats. Ministering under the banner of *Ambassadors for Christ*, Stan has spoken across the United States and in twenty-five nations around the world. He presents a clear biblical Christ-centered message flavored with humor and practical application. His life and ministry experiences have equipped him with cross-cultural fluency and effect, and he has served numerous denominations and collaborated with diverse mission agencies.

Stan and his wife, Brendalyn Ponilani, reside in Honolulu, Hawaii, and they have three grown sons.

Stan will be speaking at the St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Sunday Morning, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the **10:00 am service**, as well as the **7:00 pm services on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>**, **Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>**, and **Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**His Theme:**

***“Believing the Unbelievable”***

***The Real Stuff (not more stuff) of Abundant Life***

## Pastor Mitch's Corner

### **The Church's view of Youth Ministry**

Imagine for a moment that St. Luke's had a large, thriving youth program and teens in the Kokomo area called St. Luke's the place to be! While that is not the current reality, I believe there is potential for that to happen. We have a prime location and a facility with lots of potential. Leading church growth experts all agree, however, that the key to a successful youth program is having the full support of the congregation. And by "full" they don't just mean that the church supports the program monetarily. Supporting youth ministry fully means providing manpower also – people who are willing to invest themselves and their time in building relationships with teenagers. The sentiment I've heard way too often in churches is, "well, that's what we hired the youth director/youth pastor for."

So many churches want a strong youth ministry but don't want to get personally involved in it. But that is exactly what sets apart a strong program. I believe with all my heart that the way our program is going to grow is by having several adult volunteers who will develop meaningful relationships with teens in Kokomo.

And so, now I'm asking you to step up! I'm looking for folks to teach youth Sunday School classes, to help with Sunday evening youth group, to lead small group bible studies, and to help with special events. People are often "afraid" they don't know how to do youth ministry or don't have enough knowledge to be effective. I can provide tools and training, but the important factor for volunteers is just a willingness to build meaningful relationships with teenagers. It's simple, really! I have been praying those of you that God is calling to participate. If you are feeling that nudge to volunteer with our youth, please let me know. We have a huge opportunity staring us in the face. Will you be the one to step up and answer God's call?

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Mitch

### **Getting to Know You**

#### *Supper with Pastor Mitch*

While you have been super welcoming since I have been in Kokomo, there are still quite a few adults in the congregation who I have not had the opportunity to spend any time with. We want to provide an opportunity for those people to have a light supper together and spend some time getting better acquainted. We will meet at the church from 6:00pm-8:00pm. There will be sign-ups located in the Narthex for the following dates:

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

These will be informal gatherings and should be quite fun!!! I am looking forward to getting to know you better!

Pastor Mitch

### **Denominational Initiative: Vital Congregations**

Every United Methodist congregation in the world will be participating in a major initiative that is focused on revitalizing our church by helping more and more congregations become vital places of ministry. The main focus for this initiative, and the areas we will be setting goals for, include worship attendance, professions of faith (making new disciples), faith development through small groups, engagement in missions and monetary support of missions. The Conference Church Development Team will be providing support for churches to help in this revitalization effort. This is an exciting plan so be on the lookout for more information concerning this global revitalization initiative.

## St. Luke's Youth Ministry

### **Sunday School for Middle and High School Students**

We are using Student Life's "The Life of Christ: The Basis of Faith" curriculum. Be there at 9am [10:00am starting October 16<sup>th</sup>].

### **Sunday Night Youth Group for Middle and High School Students October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 23<sup>th</sup>, and October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Join us as we kick off our regular Sunday evening activities with a new format. October 9<sup>th</sup> is our Church Revival and October 16<sup>th</sup> we will possibly have a service project since Charge Conferences will be hosted all over the church that evening.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays for Middle and High School Students**

Be here on Wednesday nights starting at 5:45pm for dinner and Bible study from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

### **Movie Night**

*Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm-11:00pm*

Join us for a fun time with a quality movie and other fun stuff!

We will have an Ice Cream Sundae bar, so everyone needs to bring your favorite topping. (But be a little bit creative – don't everyone bring chocolate syrup!!) Ice Cream will be provided.

As always, friends are welcome and I encourage you to bring someone with you!

# UMW News



Hope Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 4th, at 1:00 PM, in the church Parlor. Calling for this month will be Mary Miner. Barb Lewis will give the devotions and lesson. Refreshments will be served by Macon Dale Traxler.

Naomi Circle will have a mystery dinner trip on Tuesday, October 4th. For more details and/or a reservation, call Tanya Saul at 480-5668, or Nancy Slaubaugh at 963-3261. It would be great to have you join us for this evening of fun!



## UMW NEWS FROM NANCY:

- ◆ Big news this month is the Angels' Attic Bazaar on October 8th. Be sure to sign up to help.
- ◆ UMW Sunday is November 13th. There will be Installation of Officers, Jewel of a Woman Award, and presentation of our prayer shawls.
- ◆ Would anyone be willing to chair a Lenten program in the Spring of 2012 or our Advent program in December 2012? Please let me know (963-3261).
- ◆ Join a circle—receive a blessing!

—Nancy Slaubaugh



**J** JOY FELLOWSHIP will meet at the church on Friday, October 7th, at 11:00 AM. Jane (Koonsman) Cochran, Elmer and Albina's daughter will speak: "It's a Privilege to Have the Power to Do His Purpose." Come and join us for this special program! Following the meeting, we'll have a carry-in lunch. The main dish will be sloppy joes. Bring a covered dish, a white elephant, and a friend!

**O** JOY FELLOWSHIP, St. Luke's seniors group, will meet on Friday, October 21st, at 11:00 AM, at the church. Kokomo author and Main Street UMC member Kathrynne Foust will be our speaker. Her book, Two to Get Ready, is about her experience raising her blind, twin daughters. Invite a friend to share this day with you! Chili will be served. Bring a dish to accompany that. Join us!

**Y**

# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

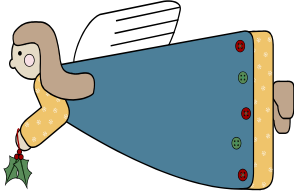
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## Angels' Attic Bazaar

Craft Show &

Chicken Noodle Dinner

October 8, 2011



Booths 8am-3pm                      Dinner 11am-2pm

Lots of Booths

Pantry Bake Sale

Homemade Noodles

Morning Cinnamon Rolls

Treasure & Trinket Room

Gently-Used Jewelry

Angels' Attic Homemade Crafts

and our "famous" Chicken & Noodle Dinner

Carry Out Dinners available

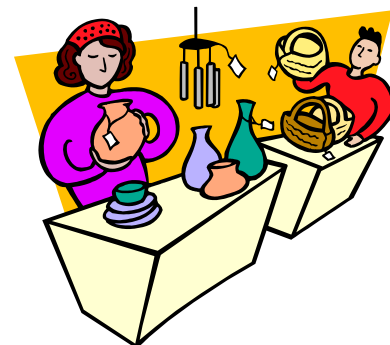
Call 453-0555

**ADULTS---** \$7.00

**CHILDREN (5 & under)--**\$2.00

All proceeds go to  
local missions

Booth Rental available-Call 432-1731



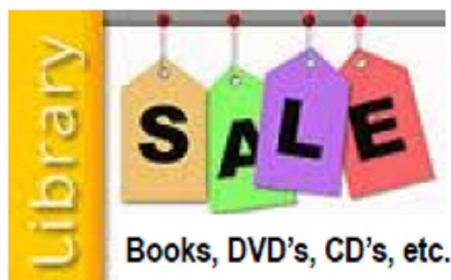


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**LINC — Library  
Information News  
Connection**  
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**Christian RESOURCES for YOU** COME CHECK OUT CHANGES IN & AROUND THE LIBRARY! I think you'll find it more inviting and organized. You will find new books are on the shelves in the hallway on the way to Fellowship Hall.

ST. LUKE'S WILL BE RETURNING TO TWO WORSHIP SERVICES OCTOBER 16TH — LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Training is available. For more information, please contact Nina Sozansky, St. Luke's Librarian, by phone 437-6712 or by email: [nsoz@vfemail.net](mailto:nsoz@vfemail.net)



Please sign-up to help with our book sale during the St. Luke's Bazaar on Saturday, October 8. Contact Nina for more information.



**St. Luke's Library Desk schedule:** Please recruit a substitute if needed.

|        |  |                                   |
|--------|--|-----------------------------------|
|        | 9:35 to 9:55 (After Sunday School)     | 11:00 to 11:15 (After Worship)    |
| Oct 2  | Fannie Rody                            | Mary Lott                         |
| Oct 9  | Nancy Boughton                         | Carolyn Smalley                   |
|        | 9:50-10:00 (After 1st Worship Service) | 11:00-11:10 (After Sunday School) |
| Oct 16 | Wayne Sozansky                         | Nancy Boughton                    |
| Oct 23 | Nancy McClure                          | Fannie Rody                       |
| Oct 30 | Fannie Rody                            | Arlinda Baszner                   |

## NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN ED DEPARTMENT

We'd like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Talois Williams-Morse, Nancy McClure and Cindi Myers for stepping up to help with 2<sup>nd</sup> service Jr. Church!! Whoo hooo!!

Don't forget about UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING!! Please grab a



brochure from the Narthex and plan to attend one of our Evaluation times. Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is one of the most exciting, non-threatening ways a kid can participate in these sports and is for kids who are in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Last year we had 83 children in our program and we hope to double our numbers this year! If you have friends or family members who don't attend our church, please take a brochure to them and spread the word about St. Luke's

Upward program.



Blessings,  
Melinda

### Our ATTENDANCE for the month of SEPTEMBER...

9/04/2011:

10:00: 212

9/11/2011:

10:00: 241

9/18/2011:

10:00: 228

9/25/2011:

10:00: 243

The 2011 St. Luke's stewardship campaign desires to teach the basics of Christian stewardship. Here is our message for October:

God expects Christians to pay their taxes, since the government is ordained and authorized by God.

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's,  
and to God what is God's."

(Matthew 22:21)

### Our GIVING for the month of SEPTEMBER...



August total: \$49,532.98

August needed: \$49,815.08

August difference: \$ (282.10)

9/04/2011: \$12,572.79

9/11/2011: \$10,340.24

9/18/2011: \$10,456.17

9/25/2011: \$ 9,972.32



## October '11 Parish Nurse News You Can Use For The Fall and Winter Coming Up!

by Cindi Myers RN



Autumn is in the air with cooler temperatures, leaves starting to change, the crops ripening...

It's also once again time for that annual flu shot. It seems like you can get a flu shot anywhere, and any-time, so when is the right time to get a flu shot? For that matter, what of the pneumonia shot, tetanus, and shingles?

I contacted Cathy Shaw, RN of the Board of Health, and this is what she said: "The CDC recommends giving **the flu shot** as soon as they arrive. We don't give the flu shot until the Howard County Health Fair that is held this year at the Event Center on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 5pm, to the adults. We do administer the children in our office, and we have flu shot clinic days, but those dates are to be announced. The efficacy of the flu shot does wane over the year, so it is recommended once a year."



We administer the **pneumonia shot** at the Howard County Health Fair (we have limited doses, and it has to be their first time receiving the shot due to our short supply. The vaccine is donated by the Partners for a Healthier Community/Health Fair). The vaccine is intended for the older adults 65 and older, but if a younger person smokes, has asthma, etc., they meet the criteria to receive the vaccine. If they are 65 or older and receiving the vaccine for the first time they usually don't get another dose. If they are younger than 65 when they receive their first dose they usually get another dose in 5 years (per their physician's recommendations).

**The tetanus** is every 10 years. However, if they have a child living in the home 12 months or younger, they should get a Tdap dose to protect the baby from pertussis.

**Shingles**, you have to be 60 years or older, and not on certain medications or have cancer, etc. (otherwise healthy). If you would like more information regarding vaccinations you can always look them up under: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

Again: REMINDER! Mark your calendars for the Howard Co. Board Of Health Fair, October 20, 9 am-5 pm.





## October 2011

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Hr<br/>10:00am Worship<br/>1:00pm Boy Scout Venture<br/>6:00pm Youth Group</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:45am Altar Prayer<br/>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br/>6:00pm Girl Scouts<br/>6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>                                   | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>1:00pm Hope Circle<br/>6:00pm Girl Scouts<br/>6:30pm SPRC Meeting<br/>7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting<br/>7:00pm Naomi Circle<br/>7:30pm Administrative Board Meeting</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study<br/>1:00pm Pastor's Bible Study<br/>5:15pm Mentored HandBells<br/>5:45pm Wond. Wed. Meal<br/>6:30pm Wond. Wed. Classes<br/>8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>                                     | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00am Seekers<br/>6:30pm Mike Coady - Discipleship<br/>6:30pm Men's Fraternity 2<br/>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>                                 | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>11:00am Joy Fellowship</p>  | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00am UMW Bazaar</p>                           |
| <p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Hr<br/>10:00am Worship<br/>1:00pm Meagan Hembree - party<br/>2:40pm Katie McCracken - Bday Party<br/>6:00pm Youth Group</p> | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>11:45am Altar Prayer<br/>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br/>4:00pm Prayer and Share<br/>5:00pm Stephen Ministry<br/>6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study</p> | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>4:30pm Missions Committee Meeting<br/>6:30pm Trustee Meeting</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study<br/>1:00pm Pastor's Bible Study<br/>5:15pm Mentored HandBells<br/>5:45pm Wond. Wed. Meal<br/>6:30pm Wond. Wed. Classes<br/>8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>                                    | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00am Seekers<br/>6:30pm Mike Coady - Discipleship<br/>6:30pm Men's Fraternity 2<br/>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>                                | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00am Linda Smith's Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00am UMI Men's Breakfast @ Golden Corral</p> |
| <p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Hr<br/>10:00am Worship<br/>1:30pm BoyScout Venture<br/>6:00pm Charge Conference</p>  | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:45am Altar Prayer<br/>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br/>6:00pm Gideons Meeting<br/>6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>                              | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00pm Finance Meeting</p>  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study<br/>1:00pm Pastor's Bible Study<br/>5:15pm Mentored HandBells<br/>5:45pm Wond. Wed. Meal<br/>6:30pm Wond. Wed. Classes<br/>8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>                                    | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:00am Newsletter Deadline<br/>8:00am Seekers<br/>6:30pm Mike Coady - Discipleship<br/>6:30pm Men's Fraternity 2<br/>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p> | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00am Linda Smith's Bible Study<br/>11:00am Joy Fellowship<br/>3:00pm Aubrey Shanks Wedding Rehearsal</p> | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00am Aubrey Shanks Wedding (3:30)</p>        |
| <p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Hr<br/>10:00am Worship<br/>6:00pm Youth Group</p>  | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>11:45am Altar Prayer<br/>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br/>4:00pm Prayer and Share<br/>6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study</p>                             | <p><b>25</b></p>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study<br/>1:00pm Pastor's Bible Study<br/>5:15pm Mentored HandBells<br/>5:45pm Wond. Wed. Meal<br/>6:30pm Wond. Wed. Classes<br/>7:00pm Glenda Mann-Garden Club<br/>8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:00am Seekers<br/>6:30pm Men's Fraternity 2<br/>6:30pm Mike Coady - Discipleship<br/>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>                                | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00am Linda Smith's Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:00pm Lacinnda Chapman - Shower (2-4)</p>    |
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