



The Visitor

JUNE 2016

Jumping In

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A few months ago, I was contacted by an employee from Open Door Health Services. She wanted to know if we might be willing to partner with them as a host for the Muncie Community Schools Summer Feeding Program. We learned that many children in our community do not have consistent meals during the summer months. Through Federal Funding, the school system provides lunch for children while school is out of session.

A downtown location has not been used in past years. There were many details to iron out and many questions still remain unanswered. We have no idea how many kids will show up. Might we be risking kids being dropped off at our church and not picked up on time? How will we keep other parts of our building secure? Will we be able to provide meals for the adults who bring the kids? Church leaders began organizing volunteers and making plans for this program. We will open our doors on weekdays from June 6 until July 22. I am sure that it will be an adventure and we will learn much to aid our hosting the program again.

I write this article to celebrate how we have responded to the leading of the Holy Spirit in this case. Nearly 40 of you immediately signed up to volunteer your lunch hour. You will get to know the children of our community as they eat lunch each day. Wes Russell, James Martin and Molly Flodder have spent countless hours organizing the details of this project. The employees at Open Door have already covered the volunteer spots for two days each week. This is not something we could have orchestrated; God has clearly opened the door (no pun intended) for us to be a part of meeting the needs of children in our community. We will get to know them, get to know our neighbors (Open Door) and spend time together serving our community. I am thankful we said “yes” to God’s leading in this case.



Orientation for summer food program will be held on June 5

Final orientation for the volunteers working during the seven weeks of the food service program will be **Sunday, June 5**, at **12:00 PM** sharp. There will be a working lunch and details about people living in poverty and about the exact assignments for each person who volunteers. In addition, after that information,

Wes Russell will discuss the video that most of our volunteers watched in the training with Chartwells, the food service provider for Muncie Community Schools and administrator of this program.

All volunteers will be expected to be at that orientation lunch unless you RSVP that you can't attend. Please let Wes, James Martin, Molly Flodder or the church office know if you will not be able to attend. REGRETS only by Wednesday, June 1 so that we can plan for the food we'll need. (flodder@comcast.net, wesleyrus-sell2@gmail.com, baronjlm88@gmail.com)

Worship in June

The June schedule is:

- June 05 - Andrew (John 1:40-42)
- June 12 - James (Luke 9:51-56, Matthew 20:20-24)
- June 19 - John (Mark 9-10)
- June 26 - Philip (John 6, John 12, John 14)

Marriage Enrichment Group Events

Picnic and Canoes, Meet at Daleville Canoe Country **1:00 PM, Sunday, June 12**. Rain date Sunday, June 26

Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game, Victory Field-Please contact Adam Fink (tickets \$10-16) **Friday July 8** - vs Toledo Mud Hens-Game Time **7:15 PM** Friday Fireworks & 20th Anniversary Celebration – To commemorate the 20th anniversary of when baseball was first played downtown under the lights, the first 2,500 fans receive a light up Victory Field replica along with fireworks post game. Rain date Friday July 22, 2016- vs Charlotte Knights.

Missional Community Update

Life Groups are on a break during the months of June and July. We will resume in August. If you are interested in being a part of an in-home life group, please let Wade know and we will get you plugged into a group for the fall.

Open House Invitation

Please join us in celebrating the high school graduation of Kaes Petroviak. An Open House will be held at the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, June 5, 2016** from **3:00-5:00 PM**. Kaes plans to attend Ball State University in the fall. He has been accepted into the Honors College and the Miller School of Business to study accounting. Thank you, Jim and Kelli Petroviak

Business Meeting

There will be an all church business meeting on **Sunday, June 5 at 10:15 AM**. We have several matters of business including a budget amendment to include church staff changes. The proposal from the CCT is available upon request. An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 1 at 5:00 PM** to address questions about the proposal.

Volunteers for DVD Ministry

The DVD Ministry has need for persons to run the camera during early service, burn DVDs and or deliver to shut-ins. If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Duane Davis at 765-702-1881 or 765-358-3911.

Congratulations Mark

Congratulations to Mark Dunn! On **April 29, 2016** a life-long dream of Mark's was fulfilled. At age 61, he graduated from Harrison College receiving a degree in Accounting. He was honored as Salutatorian of his class and graduated with Highest Distinction. Well done Mark! We are proud of you and your accomplishment.

Friendship Class on Break

The Friendship Class that meets at Riverside Baptist on Tuesday evenings will be on break during the summer months. The group will resume in the fall.

Visitor or Bulletin Information

If you would like to place an announcement in the church bulletin please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org. If you have an article for the July newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, June 19**.

Thank You Notes

Clif and Julie Davis – Many thanks to all from First Baptist who made the baptism lunch a special day for Ian and our entire family. We appreciated the donations of desserts and drinks, as well as the many who pitched in to make setup and cleanup go more quickly. We were honored by your choice to spend Mother's Day lunch celebrating with our family, and we will not forget your kindness.

Julie and the Morency's – Dear FBC Muncie, There are so many people to thank for the kindness and thoughtfulness offered during the past weeks. My family and I have really appreciated the delicious meals, the hand bell choir subs, your cards, visits, calls and prayers. Thank you for all your concern and support

while my broken arm heals! Thank you to Roger, Megan and Daniel for your TLC and helping hands at home! God loves you and so do we!!!

Calendar

Sundays – 9:15 AM Early Gathering/Early Sunday School (Intergenerational Class, K-5th grade), 10:15 AM Fellowship Time (enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship), 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

Wednesdays – 6:00 PM Praise Team (Sanctuary), 6:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room), 7:40 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday-Friday from June 6-July 22 – SFSP - Muncie Schools Feeding Program

June 1 – Informational Meeting about Church Business Meeting

June 2, 6, 13, 20, 27 – Church Softball Game

June 5 – Church Business Meeting and SFSP Training

June 12 – Marriage Enrichment Group Date at Canoe Country

June 19 – Father's Day

June 21 – CCT Meeting

June Birthdays

We would like to say Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of June. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

6/1 - Michael Graham
6/2 - Cameron Pannell
6/2 - Kayonna Pannell
6/3 - Simon Braswell
6/6 - Betty Arthur
6/6 - Jeffrey Lemen
6/6 - Jon Stinson
6/8 - Heather Barr
6/8 - Casey Braswell
6/9 - Hunter Barr
6/9 - Wilma Neal
6/10 - Katelynn Cooper
6/11 - Anette Atterson
6/11 - Dawn Dawson
6/11 - Catie Earls
6/11 - Randy Washburn
6/12 - David Cross

6/12 - Marc Sue
6/13 - Julie Davis
6/14 - Kelli Petroviak
6/16 - Jim Hiatt
6/16 - Samantha Ratchford
6/18 - Winola Miller
6/18 - Tim Stigers
6/18 - Olivia Sue
6/20 - Jessica Fink
6/21 - Joyce Cross
6/24 - Sally Jones
6/24 - Joe Songer
6/26 - Shelby Harris
6/27 - Tory Pierce
6/30 - Colt Rutter