



Monthly Messenger

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Backpacks, Bibles & Blessings! Sunday, August 3



Join us for Back-to-School Sunday, August 3rd, and our special Blessing of the Backpacks! We'll pray over students, teachers, and families as a new school year begins. Be sure to bring your backpack.

From Greg Pimlott, Senior Pastor

Church camps.

VBS.

Church Camp Sunday.

Third-Sunday youth Communion servers.

The last of four teenagers baptized by immersion as part of Confirmation.

Welcoming a new Associate Pastor who will lead the youth group (among other duties).

July was a whirlwind of youth-or-children-related ministry events and milestones. This middle-aged pastor is exhausted just remembering all of them! But it also makes me excited, because all these ministry activities geared toward the under-18 crowd point to an important reality: that Christ Indy UMC is a youth-and-child-forward congregation.

It's common for churches to say that they value their youth (or they wish they had more youth) because youth and children are the "future of the church". Too often, what they mean is that they want youth and children hanging around the church waiting so they can participate in ministry opportunities and step into leadership roles once they're 25 or 30 years old.

Here at CIUMC, we don't want to wait for our youth and children to become adults to get them involved in ministry! If you look around the church, you'll find youth serving Communion in both services and leading singing in THIRST. You'll also find younger children actively involved in worship in both services (especially in the THIRST service, where they are invited to move their bodies and play rhythm instruments along with the songleaders). Youth were part of the All-Church Visioning Retreat earlier this year, helping to set ministry goals for the church for years to come. Some of the kids who participated in VBS until they aged out after 6th grade stepped back in as helpers this year.

In I Timothy 4:12, it says "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." Here at Christ Indy UMC, youth and children matter right now. We look to our children and youth to teach us while we're teaching them, so that together we can grow together in faith and grace...all for the glory of God.

From Aziel Nunez, Associate Pastor

Is This Worship, Too?

What is worship? Lately, I have found myself wrestling with that question. Growing up in the church, I've come to appreciate the beauty of hymns, prayers, and the sermon. These practices have a rich history shaping Christian adoration and represent the essence of traditional worship. But from my experience working with young adults, I have learned something else: worship may not be as rigid as often assumed.

At its core, worship is devotion to God, which consists of a twofold expression. It begins with an internal reality we may call spirituality, that moves outward in religious practice. Spirituality refers to the way in which the heart is oriented towards God, including beliefs. Religious practices are how that spirituality is expressed, whether in private prayer, public singing, communal gatherings, or something else. Both spirituality and religious practices are deeply related; you can generally deduce a person's beliefs by their religious practices, as much as you can reasonably predict a person's religious practices based on their beliefs.

In John 4:24, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." Therein lie the two factors necessary for worship: spirit and truth. Thus, worship is not necessarily confined to a specific building or even a set ritual. On the contrary, worship may be whenever, wherever, and however the Spirit and Truth meet; when the inner (spirituality) and outer (practice) unite in response to God. May that open the door to religious practices that go beyond traditional expressions of worship?

Jesus' spirituality was expressed richly through many religious practices: Jesus prayed (Luke 5:16), taught (Matthew 5), and likely sang hymns (Mark 14:26), all traditional expressions of worship. But he also fed the hungry (John 6), healed the sick (John 9), welcomed children (Mark 10), washed feet (John 13), and fellowshiped with outcasts (Luke 5). Those acts, which went far beyond the traditional expression of worship, were Jesus' physical expressions of his inner belief (spirituality). Jesus' entire life was a life of worship because in everything he did, truth and spirit met. And Jesus did not only worship in traditional forms, but he also expanded far beyond them.

Years later, Paul would continue expounding on this vision "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1) and "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31). **Continued on page 4**

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Wow! Did you read that? Everything – eating, drinking, moving, resting – can be worship, as much as singing hymns and the sermon are. The only requirement is that whatever the practice, it be done to glorify God!

I saw this expansive understanding of worship come alive during my time at the University of Indianapolis, where I had the honor of leading chapel, a student-led service structured around hymns, prayer, and reflection. One student shared with me his desire for something different: “I want to express my faith through what I’m passionate about, exercise and health.” I encouraged him to explore what that would look like and to try it out. Well, just a few weeks later, his idea had a formal name, location, and date: Sweat and Surrender at the Frederick Douglass Community Center in Indianapolis, on Saturday, December 22, 2024, at 1 PM. What emerged was a 50-minute exercise session set to Christian music. We began with prayer, then stretched, moved, jumped, and struggled through push-ups and squats. When we were close to giving up, he didn’t shout the usual gym slogan. He shouted: “God is good!” and without hesitation, the group replied: “All the time!”

That Saturday afternoon, I realized something powerful: we were worshipping! Our gathering was unconventional. It did not seem quite like a traditional worship experience, but it was neither a traditional exercise session. I was wearing shorts which I would not traditionally do when worshipping, but I was also saying “Amen” which I would otherwise never do when exercising. I then focused on the deeper meaning of the intersection between physical movement and my inner connection with God to realize that the two elements necessary for worship (truth and spirit) were present at that moment, in that exercise session. The Sweat and Surrender session was far from Sunday morning worship, but very similar to the way of Jesus, who honored the body, uplifted the weary, and made room for the Spirit to show up in unexpected places and unexpected ways. At that moment we became a congregation, part of the body of Christ, led by a student, and guided by the spirit in honoring God by caring for our bodies.

That experience reshaped how I think about worship. And I learned a valuable lesson: worship is not confined to pews and pulpits, however beautiful that may be. Worship is wherever, whenever, and however the heart genuinely turns to God, whether in prayer, praise, or even in an exercise class. Perhaps we should let the spirit guide us in this freedom more often and discover the manifold religious expressions of our inner devotion.

Fish Fry

September 19 - 20, 2025



The 37th annual Christ Indianapolis UMC Fish Fry will be held Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2025. Our coordinating committee met on July 24, 2025 to begin planning. Some planning and preparations are already underway. Although you won't see this article until after our planning committee meeting, you are welcome to give us your comments, suggestions and questions at any time.

We will need to recruit a lot of volunteers for this event. Consider asking your friends and relatives to work with you to leverage our resources. We need helpers to distribute flyers to southside and Greenwood businesses a week or two prior to the fish fry, volunteers the week of the fish fry to take phone orders and call last year's customers, and volunteers during the fish fry for many jobs including: drive-thru service, meal assembly for carry-out and delivery orders, drivers to deliver orders, kitchen help, operating the dishwashing machine, frying fish and tenderloins, serving customers inside the fellowship hall, slicing pies, clearing and cleaning tables, and welcoming guests. We also need help on Thursday, September 18, 2025, to bake cookies, make slaw, set up tables and chairs in the fellowship hall, and other jobs. We will be requesting donations of pies to serve inside dining customers, and cans of Coke and Diet Coke, and bottles of water to serve our drive-thru customers.

We look forward to your support of this huge annual effort through your purchase of food at the fish fry, donations of drinks and pies, and volunteering to help. Profits from the fish fry are used for outreach programs at CIUMC, for Andrew's Harvest, and to assist other organizations in the community that help the "last, the least, and the lost". Our Outreach Team mission is to give help and hope to people in need in our community.

Elden Hartman
Fish Fry Coordinator and Outreach Team Chairman

**WATCH FOR VOLUNTEER SIGN UP
SHEETS IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE
NARTHEX BEGINNING IN AUGUST!
DONATIONS NEEDED:
coke diet coke water**



**Pie Bakers Needed
Sign Up Forms
Available August 10th**

From Becky Morris, Music Director



August is here, ushering in the end of summer and painting the world in warm hues of sunflowers and sunset skies.

A big thank you goes out to all our special musicians in July.

Steve Brinkerhoff, Rachel Brinson, Christine Lady, Addison Huckaby, Alice Padgett, Corinne Schnepf

Musicians for the month of August:

Bill Holwager, Andrew Newman, Joe Schnepf, Leta Gentry, Tristan Castillo, Diane Knight

Rehearsal Schedule for August

Music with Becky | Sundays: 10, 17, 24, 31 | 9:45 - 10:15 am

Resurrection Bells and Chancel Choir are still on Break and will resume in September!

PLANNING A FUN NIGHT

JOIN THE CHOIR NIGHT: Thursday, September 4 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come try choir out for a night! No commitment required! All are welcome 🥰

Thought for today and always..... A S A P.... Always Say A Prayer.

He always responds to your joys and concerns 🙏

In Song,
Becky

Stephen Ministry

Being a good listener is very important, in any relationship. It helps to understand, what a person is about. If you give your undivided attention, it's easier, to figure them out. We all need someone we can relate to. Not to be afraid, to say what's on our mind. In a matter of speaking, is there a better way to unwind? We all have times we need to talk about our troubles. Be assured, we're doing things right. Getting a second opinion gives you better insight. Try to be a good listener. One day the tables can turn. Should that ever happen you'll get the same consideration, in return!

- by Audrey Heller



OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE GOOD LISTENERS!

Jim, Roseanna, Elise, Joyce, Teena, and Tim

Please Call Jim: 317-363-0850

From Jennifer Land, Preschool/Childcare Director

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, anyone with children in their life, have you ever wondered if your child's behavior is appropriate. Is it appropriate for my toddler to be laying on the floor screaming? Why is my child always trying to push limits? Like it or not erratic behavior in your young child is generally normal and developmentally appropriate. It is our response as parents, or caregivers that makes the difference on the benefit this behavior has on our children. If we respond appropriately, our children will learn how to emotionally regulate and how to process big emotions/feelings in a healthy manner. If we respond inappropriately, then our children can develop behavioral disorders that lead to bigger problems as they get older. Learned factors can lead our children to develop behavior disorders. For instance, permissive parenting, when a parent too often and too easily gives in to a child's demands and doesn't really teach them the "rules". (Boston Children's Hospital)

Here are a few common behaviors you can expect from toddlers and preschoolers and how to handle them:

- **Toddlers (1-3 years)**

Tantrums:

Why: Toddlers often have tantrums because they are still learning to manage their emotions and communicate their needs.

How to Handle: Stay calm, offer comfort, and help them label their emotions.

Clinging:

Why: Toddlers may become clingy, especially during times of stress or change, as they seek security from their caregivers.

How to Handle: Provide reassurance and maintain a consistent routine.

Imitation:

Why: Toddlers love to imitate adults and older children as a way to learn new skills and behaviors.

How to Handle: Model positive behaviors and provide opportunities for safe imitation.

- **Preschoolers (3-5 years)**

Asking "Why?":

Why: Preschoolers are naturally curious and ask many questions to understand the world around them.

How to Handle: Answer their questions patiently and encourage their curiosity.

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Testing Boundaries:

Why: Preschoolers test boundaries to understand rules and assert their independence.

How to Handle: Set clear and consistent limits and explain the reasons behind rules.

Fantasy and Imaginary Friends:

Why: Engaging in fantasy play and having imaginary friends helps preschoolers develop creativity and social skills.

How to Handle: Encourage imaginative play and participate in their stories and games.

Fear of the Dark or Monsters:

Why: Preschoolers have vivid imaginations, which can sometimes lead to fears of the dark or imaginary creatures.

How to Handle: Acknowledge their fears, provide comfort, and use nightlights or bedtime routines to help them feel safe.

- **General Tips for Both Age Groups**

Consistency: Maintain consistent routines and rules to provide a sense of security.

Positive Reinforcement: Praise and reward positive behaviors to encourage them.

Patience: Be patient and understanding as children navigate their developmental stages.

Engagement: Spend quality time with your child, engaging in activities that support their growth and development.

Recognizing and understanding these common behaviors can help you respond appropriately and support your child's development effectively. Each child is unique, so it's important to adapt your approach to fit their individual needs and personality.

<https://www.childrenshospital.org/conditions/disruptive-behavior-disorder>



Parent Night: August 6 | 6:30pm

Meet the Teacher Day: August 7 | 10-11am

First Day of School: August 11

With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy to Greg Delp and family at the passing of his aunt, Henrietta Pyle, who passed away May 9, 2025.

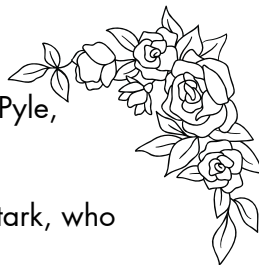
Our sympathy to Judy Sawyers and family at the passing of her son, Todd Stark, who passed away May 25, 2025.

Our sympathy to Keith Spenny and family at the passing of his brother, Wayne Spenny, who passed away June 24, 2025.

Our sympathy to Jim Pitman and family at the passing of his brother, Keith Pitman, who passed away July 6, 2025.

Our sympathy to Kathie Kakoczki and family at the passing of her brother, Alan Norris, who passed away July 7, 2025.

Our sympathy to Jennifer Land and family at the passing of her aunt, Marlene Ham, who passed away July 11, 2025.



CIUMC Annual Craft and Vendor Show

Save the Date: October 4 | 9am - 3pm



Do you like to knit, craft, sew or have a small vendor business and would like to be apart of our Craft Fair? The craft fair raises funds for our Mission Guatemala Trip. Our next trip is scheduled for 2028. If you are interested in going on the mission to Guatemala, this is a great fundraiser to help with costs.

For more information about participating or volunteering, contact Kristi Cox at missions@christindyumc.com.

From Terri Haehnle, Children's Ministry Director

MOVE UP SUNDAY

PROMOTION SUNDAY is Sunday, August 31 during the Sunday School hour. Youth will meet in the annex to receive certificates! Those moving from 1st to 2nd grade will receive a Bible during worship services. **Please let us know if your child began 2nd grade this year.**

WOW! It seems like yesterday, we were celebrating the end of a school year and a start to the summer. And now we are sending our students back to school or some to even start their first year of school. The question is who is going to school with them?

GOING TO SCHOOL WITH JESUS...

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student, or learner. In (Jesus') world, a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."

So let's pray for all students from preschool to college and teachers of all ages as they embark on a new year of learning with Jesus by their side.



Back 2 School Splash | August 3



Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun and excitement! Join us on Sunday, August 3rd, from 1-3 PM for an exhilarating event featuring a bounce house with a water slide and an epic water balloon showdown. Bring your friends and family for a splash-tastic time that promises laughter and joy. To add to the festivities, we'll be serving complimentary hotdogs and chips, ensuring no one goes hungry. This event is open to everyone, so come along and make some amazing summer memories with us. Don't miss out on the fun—see you there!

From the Youth Department



Warehouse 242
senior high youth



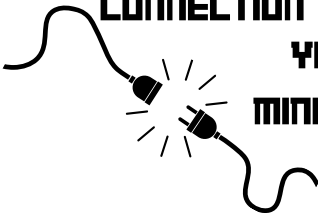
Middle School

CONNECTION

YOUTH
MINISTRIES

PLACE TO GET
PLUGGED IN

@CUMC_YOUTH_INOY



YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!!

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break and is excited for the return of YOUTH GROUP! Pastor Aziel will be joining us as our new youth leader! We are excited for the new ideas, energy, and dedication he will bring to this ministry.

Youth Upcoming Dates

- August 3- Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- August 10- Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- August 17- Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- *August 17- Youth serving Communion at 9 and 11:15 services
- August 24- Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- August 31- No Youth- Labor Day Weekend

Is Your Student Heading to College This Fall?



We would love to have their contact information- even if they are living at home. Please, fill out the form below and return it to the church office, so we can keep in contact with your student(s) throughout the year!

COLLEGE STUDENT'S NAME _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS TO RECEIVE MAIL/PACKAGES: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ FAVORITE CANDY: _____

Email Address: _____

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Meeting Dates

Congregational Care Meeting: August 20 at 6 pm

Trustee Work Day: September 6 with raindate of September 13

SPRC: September 2

Trustees: September 9

Finance: September 16



Hiking Club



The CIUMC Hiking Club is planning an exciting outing on August 16 at 10 AM. This event promises a great opportunity for nature enthusiasts to explore scenic trails, enjoy the company of fellow hikers, and experience the beauty of the outdoors. As the date approaches, more detailed information will be provided, including the specific location and trail difficulty.

Whether you're a seasoned hiker or new to the activity, this outing is a wonderful chance to embrace the adventure and enjoy the fresh air. Stay tuned for further updates and get ready for an unforgettable day in nature!

Community Meal

Join us for a warm and welcoming Community Meal on Wednesday, August 27, from 6 - 7:30 pm! This delightful evening will feature a delicious meatloaf dinner, perfect for sharing with friends and neighbors. We invite everyone in the community to come together and enjoy good food and great company. If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex. Whether you're setting up, serving, or cleaning up, any help is greatly appreciated. Spread the word and bring your appetite—let's make this Community Meal a memorable one!



Shoebox Ministry



Shoebox Ministry Enthusiasts

It is a great time of year to start buying the school supplies for your boxes this year. There are many great deals. More information on the Samaritan's Purse website samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Shoeboxes due Sunday, November 16th. Happy Shopping.

—Susie Cala

United Women in Faith



The upcoming United Women in Faith meeting promises to be an enriching experience, as it is set for August 3rd at 5 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from our missions chairperson, Kristiana Cox, who will be speaking on "Faith Promise Missions." This promises to be an insightful session, offering valuable perspectives on faith and mission work. To make the gathering even more enjoyable, please bring a healthy snack to share with everyone. We will convene in the Conference Room. We look forward to seeing everyone there for an inspiring and nourishing evening!

Car Party



AUGUST 23, 2025

Saturday 8:00AM - 2:00PM



CAR-PARTY

Cardboard Car
Foot Race for Kids

Cub Scout Popcorn
Sold

Pinewood Derby
Car Race
Bring Your Car!

Ice Cream
Popcorn
Snow Cones
Food For Sale



Join us for the First Annual Car Party, a celebration of automotive excellence and community spirit! Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a fun day out, this event promises something for everyone. With a suggested donation of \$20 for entry, attendees can enjoy a showcase of stunning vehicles and cast their votes for the coveted Peoples' Choice Awards. Categories include Hot Rod, Muscle, Sports Car, Antique, Truck, Pony, Unfinished, Motorcycle, and classic eras like the 30's-40's, 50's-60's, and 70's-80's. Don't miss the Club Turnout category, where local car clubs compete for bragging rights. Be part of this exciting event by registering today—head to christindyumc.com for registration forms and more information. Come share your passion for cars and vote for your favorites!

From Damon Cox, Camp Director

Wow—can you believe how fast summer is flying by? It's already August, and most of our local students are heading back to school. It feels like summer just began... yet it's already been overflowing with unforgettable moments—Mission Guatemala, Vacation Bible School—and my personal favorite... church camp.

A couple of years ago, we learned there were no directors for middle school camp. That meant—no middle school camp. But we knew in our hearts that camp matters. It's not just a place kids go—it's a sacred space where lives are changed. So, after a lot of prayer and conversation, we high school camp directors said, "We'll do both." We stepped out in faith and said yes to hosting middle school camp alongside high school camp—without a clue how it would work, how many kids would come, or whether we'd have enough volunteers. But you know what? God showed up. Like He always does. And just like last year, miracles unfolded.

Church camp is a place where young people get to encounter Jesus in the realest way. Not in a textbook, not in a sermon—but in the quiet moments during huddle group, in the laughter between games, in the tears during worship. It's where a kid battling self-harm hears—maybe for the first time—that their life has value. It's where a student walking through the pain of divorce or family struggle learns that God is still writing their story. It's where a teenager who's grown up in the church finally meets Jesus face to face—and discovers their purpose.

That happens because of you. Because of the heart and generosity of this church family. Every dollar you give, every silent auction item you donate, every Evening in Tuscany ticket you buy—it all matters. It all goes straight to helping kids experience something extraordinary. Something eternal.

I don't have the perfect words to say thank you—but I hope you hear this: you are changing lives and building faith. You are making sure no child is left out because of finances. And because of you, we are watching the Kingdom of God come alive in the hearts of our youth.

Thank you, Christ Indy UMC, for your love, your support, and your unwavering dedication. We see it. The kids feel it. And heaven celebrates it.

60th Anniversary Celebration



Save the Date: Sunday, September 28 for a combined worship service and 60th Anniversary Celebration!

An event open to all who are interested in Christ Indy UMC and to those who currently or formerly called this church home. More Info to come!

From Patt Quattrocchi, RN, Parish Nurse

Infection, it can happen to anybody

An infectious disease can be a bacterium, virus, fungus or parasite commonly called “germs”. Many organisms (germs) live in and on our bodies. They are too small to see with the eyes. Many of them are harmless or even helpful, while others are harmful in varying degrees

Infectious diseases can pass from person to person. by touch, cold symptoms, or sexual contact. Some spread to humans through insects like fleas, lice or ticks or animals. You may get other infections from food, air or water. You could also be exposed to “germs” around you from dry surfaces.

Symptoms of infectious diseases vary depending on the cause of the infection. Common symptoms of many are often fever and tiredness. Rest and home remedies may clear a mild infection but one should always be mindful of the degree of fever, a mild red superficial cut, minor cough, or a runny nose as examples. These symptoms can become very serious if not cared for. The most useful home remedies are rest, fluids, and keeping open wounds clean and covered with topical antibiotics. Be mindful that some infections can be or become life-threatening and treatment could involve hospital care and even death.

Serious symptoms may include High fever or a lower degree of fever that lasts more than 1 or 2 days, Fast heartbeat, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Increased fatigue, Muscle aches, Productive cough, Night sweats, Chills, Uncontrolled sudden body shaking, a Red streak from the skin spreading out from a small wound or cut, Headache, Sudden vision changes, Abdominal cramping, Pain or bleeding with urination, Trouble breathing, a rash or wound that is draining The presence of these symptoms is a great/significant indicator of the need to see a doctor that same day if poss.

Anyone can acquire infectious diseases. But you may be more likely to acquire an infection if your immune system isn't working properly.

- Use of steroids or other medicines that suppress your immune system such as chemotherapy for cancer.
- The presence of HIV or AIDS
- The presence of cancer or other diagnoses such as Diabetes, Heart disease, Stroke, Lupus. MS, Arthritis
- Other risk factors include malnutrition, Chemical addiction
- Some short-term diseases may become inactive only to reoccur in future. Example: Shingles from childhood chicken pox.

An ounce of prevention, or maybe a lot more, can lower your risk of infection.

- Wash your hands with soap and water or hand gel before eating, after using the toilet, playing with your pet, or caring for someone who is sick...and more
- Get vaccinated for diseases that your doctor recommends
- Stay home if you are ill and potentially contagious
- Wash your hands after touching public doorknobs or push bars, the handle to bathroom stall,
- Prepare food safely by keeping counters and kitchen surfaces clean, and cooking food at a recommended temperature
- Use recommended hygiene and prevention practices for intimacy with another person
- Don't share toothbrushes, combs, razors, drinking glasses or dining utensils,
- Practice good personal boundaries in public places

References: [Mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/infectious-diseases/symptoms-causes](https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/infectious-diseases/symptoms-causes)

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Professional Nursing knowledge & experiences of Patricia Quattrocchi RN, Parish Nurse at CIUMC

From our Faith Promise Partners, Batel and Moshe

During the "Twelve Day War" with Iran, we needed to run many times to the shelter. Sometimes just me and Batel, sometimes, all my family. To explain those sensations, when you see your children and grandchildren running, is not the best ones. But we thank God for those bunkers. Below you see Yosi (our all team was there) and many others from the offices around our OMEA office. In one day of work, we need to run many times to the bunker as well; until the government would say for all of us to stay at home until further notice.

Despite of the Situation

One of the hardest feelings during a time of war is the sense that you can't do anything.

That helplessness can be dangerous. It consumes the mind, keeps you fixated on the chaos, and slowly pulls you away from your calling. But when we are able to continue working—even with sirens in the background, even with uncertainty in the air—there is a deep, indescribable sense of purpose. In the midst of fear, the ability to serve brings strength. It grounds us. It reminds us why we're here.

I only wish you could be here with us—to walk alongside us, to feel what we're feeling, and to witness how meaningful this work becomes when everything around us says to stop.

The delivering process...

We've had to learn to be wise—knowing when we can deliver aid, and how.

In the early days of the war, the missiles came mostly at night. But soon, it no longer mattered what time it was—tension filled every hour of the day.

We began to notice a pattern: attacks might come early in the morning, and then again in the afternoon. So, we adjusted. Between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, we made our deliveries—swift, focused, and (some would say) better than UPS! Just picture Hank and Yosi delivering supplies to a local congregation after a stop in Kfar Kana, the very place where Jesus performed His first miracle.

Yes—we're making the most of every opportunity, even in the midst of war.

Because as Ephesians 5:16 reminds us: "Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Home Front Command (FEMA in US)- Since the wars began, the Home Front Command has been deployed throughout all of Israel. But the war with Iran brought their efforts to an entirely new level. Whether rescuing people from collapsed buildings or rushing others to safety in shelters—their work is day and night, relentless and courageous.

Near Karmiel, one of these Home Front Command units was stationed close by. Through a connection, I was introduced to the commander of one of the units. By God's grace, we were able to bring them food and water. They were deeply thankful—not just for the supplies, but for the encouragement. And in return, God gave us a rare contact, the kind that's difficult to establish in these situations.

We are praying for their safety—and for an open door to share the Good News of the Messiah. I told them that people around the world are praying for them, lifting them up even if they've never met them.

In times like these, even the smallest act of kindness can carry eternal weight.

Thanks for all your Prayers!

Batel and I can hardly find the words to express how deeply grateful we are for your faithful support over the years.

We say it often—month after month—but we truly hope you can feel the sincerity of our hearts and the depth of our thankfulness for all that you do.

One thing we know for certain: we cannot do this alone.

Thank you for standing with us.

And please remember—we pray for you daily.

With love and gratitude,
Batel and Moshe



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy
Anniversary

Happy BIRTHDAY!!

5-Steve & Wanda Brinkerhoff
5-Chris & Michele Douglas
7-Mike & Vicki McKasson
7-Glenn & Clara Rogers
8-Dan & Kelly Miller
8-Rick & Sylvia Weston
14-Ron & Cathy Ayers

14-Tony & Erin Valant
19-Charles & Barb Paget II
23-Joe & Brenda Tutterow
24-Bruce & Marcia Arnold
25-Stan & Judy Collins
26-Scott & Beth Hutson
27-Jim & Barb Campbell

1-Jerrica Allen
1-Jodie Bastuk
1-Jewel Boyd
1-Michael Hendricks
2-Jan Weigle
4-Angie Auble
4-Charles King
5-Shirley Branham
6-Cyndi Hendricks
6-Shannon Howard
7-Shala Hodge
7-Barb Paget
7-Barbara Vance
9-Carissa Clark
11-Karen Campbell

11-Michael Carnagua
11-Jim Farley
11-John Moore
12-Kathy Rice
13-Dakota Wildey
14-Nancy Crosby
14-Judy Marsh
15-Bobby Case
15-Rob Smith
16-Melissa Moore
17-Jewel Brammann
17-Mike Dutton
18-Brock Long
19-Nathan Chambers
19-Talon Simon

20-Allison Farley
20-Madison Farley
20-Haleigh Olson
20-Amanda Schnepf
22-Cara Hutson
22-Josh Pierson
22-Sara Rueschhoff
22-Lu Sabo
22-Elizabeth Vandergrift
23-Logan Land
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The Six Pillars of Christ Indianapolis United Methodist Church

1. Fellowship
2. Service
3. Prayer
4. Community Outreach
5. Witness
6. Worship

Sundays

9:00 am: Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

10:15 am: Sunday School

(All Ages)

11:15 am: THIRST Worship in
Fellowship Hall