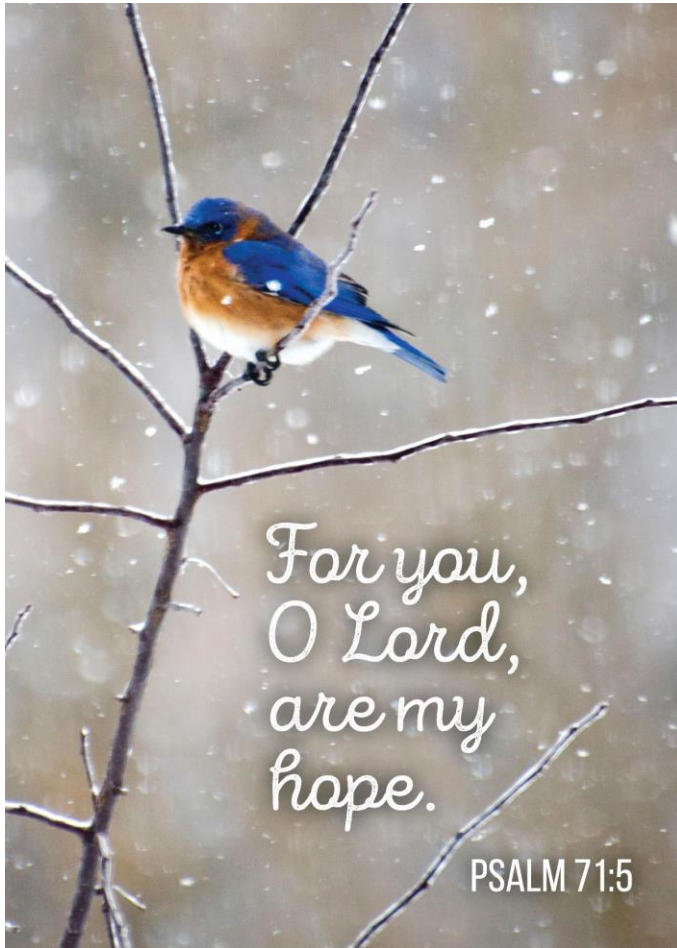


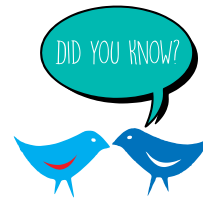
Refrigerator News

January 22, 2017



New Mercies

Everyone seems to have at least one resolution that seems impossible to keep. And that can become very discouraging. The prophet Jeremiah, who has his own reasons to feel down, wrote, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23 NRSV). God refuses to give up on us. When we lose hope, when we fail and fall short, his mercy never runs out. Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's unceasing love.



Jack and Judy Steckly have cancelled their land phone line. Their only phone number is 260-450-0786.

This month the Calling and Discernment Committee begins the process of filling open positions of leadership within the church. If you are contacted, please open your heart and mind and prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to this need.



Women's Bible Study serves as an invaluable means of support for many in our church family during times of illness, hospitalizations, loss, homebound, etc. They faithfully lift up those in need of prayer and support each Monday morning. In addition, many cards are mailed throughout the year that bring encouragement and hope as well as seasonal greetings.

Thanks to **Jan Ward, Sharon McKay** and **Judy Steckly** for the colorful, timely and informative bulletin boards! It takes a great deal of time, thought and work to make the boards eye-catching. Be sure to stop and check them out on your next trip to the Fellowship Hall!

Early Sunday morning... before the church family arrives, **Carolyn Gorom** and **Jan Ward** can be seen making fresh coffee, **Marv L.** and **Dave Bickel** are getting out the nametags, **Evelyn Bickel** and **Jan Williams** are busy getting out hospitality supplies and greeting early arrivals. Thermostats are checked, the front door buzzer is shut off, the church office is opened and a check is made of the answering machine. **Deb Shaw** is getting her sheet music ready, smiling and chatting with **Ruth Strole** and others in the area. **Marv** was seen helping the guest speaker go over the bulletin and making him feel comfortable in the chancel area. Later, **Dick Strole** "miked the pastor up" so he would be ready to go. **Zak Strole, Katie Kolb, Danil Vorndran** and others of the tech crew were making last minute checks of the equipment. **Jack Steckly** stands by the front door, ready to greet while **Jonah Vorndran** jumps to the aid of someone needing an umbrella or a supportive arm. Ushers stand by with a supply of bulletins and welcoming smiles. Sunday school teachers buzz by with teaching materials heading to their classrooms. And then... at the stroke of 9:00, everyone is in their place, poised and ready to go. The church family is now gathered to praise, pray, hear God's Word and worship! **Early Sunday morning...**

Sara L.





This Week's Dates

Monday, January 23

9:15 Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 Stewardship

Lori Linn's out of town trip was cancelled.

Leadership Team Meeting is back on for January 26 at 7:00.

Communion will not be given this month.

The next Communion is scheduled for February 19th.



Tom Dawson and Stan Gorom... a very sincere Thank You!

For all the many, many times they have picked up the loaves of bread, donuts, muffins, bagels and buns for distribution to the neighborhood and to Lincolnshire folks. Through rain, hail, sleet, snow and the burning rays of the summer sun, these two have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the pleasures of good bread and good treats! But as with all good things, change comes and comes in the form of health situations that will prevent our two guys from further "bread duty." Tom has checked with Waynedale Baptist Church on Lower Huntington Road and they assure us that they will have plenty of bread available for pick-up on Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:30 or later depending upon the supply. Their address is 633 Lower Huntington Road. Tom and Stan, the spirit of God shines through your faithfulness in serving others. (Article repeated this week to insure that all are aware of this change.)



Lisa Lahr was dismissed from Parkview this week and is recovering at home. She reports that she is feeling much better.

Alberta Ilnicki and Tom and Betty Dawson are also feeling better but ask for our ongoing prayers for their full and then continuing wellness.

Janet Peters asks for prayers for **Ronda** who fell this week and injured her knee and leg. But they joyfully report that they have moved into a new home. Their new address is:

1138 Lewis Street 46803

Please use this phone number and email address:

260-999-2409 janetmpeters01@indianatech.net

Prayers for courage, guidance, hope and perseverance are asked for our Search Committee and Leadership Team as they work with transitional changes and requirements for a pastor. Your support and words of encouragement will be appreciated and will enforce their willingness to serve in what can be termed as oftentimes challenging roles.

Meet our guest speaker, David Lawrenz.

Our speaker this morning is **David Lawrenz**. He is the Executive Administrator of the Timbercrest Senior Living Community. David has served in that capacity for 35 years and knows firsthand what people are looking for in a senior community. The Churches of the Brethren in Indiana have a long and rich tradition of serving older adults. It all started in 1889, when the ministry was established in Mexico, IN, to care for orphans as well as older adults. In 1942 the children's department was closed and the focus shifted to older adults. Timbercrest opened its doors in March of 1968 to the residents transferring from the Mexico Home. In response to these needs, Timbercrest became a modern retirement community with several levels of accommodations and care. Timbercrest continues to evolve and meet the changing needs of current and future residents.

The Upper Room has decided to end the publication of *ALIVE NOW* (both print and digital formats) with the March/April 2017 issue. As is true with many publications, technology dictates digital publishing. They will share the transformation of the magazine at alivenow.org and facebook.com/Alive.now magazine. The church has subscribed to this publication for many years and will miss the print publication. The last print issue is the March/April 2017 edition.