

Refrigerator News

February 12, 2017



Valentine's Day

In the early Christian church, there were three priests named Valentine or Valentinous. Though they didn't live at the same time, each was said to be holy and had been martyred for his faith. All three priests were declared as saints. About the year A.D. 498, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as Valentine's Day. It came to be known for love, romance and marriage. The day is now so popular that only during the Christmas season do people mail more greeting cards. No matter how many cards, flowers or sweets you receive this Valentine's Day, be assured that God loves you with an "everlasting love"(Jeremiah 31:3 NRSV).



In Our Prayers....

Bob Kaylor – second surgery on February 16 at Dupont Hospital. Our prayers for successful treatment!

Paula Sosenheimer – hip replacement surgery on February 20.

Cheryl Leverton – knee replacement surgery on February 27.

Please be prayerfully mindful of the work being done by the **Interim Search Committee** and the **Pastoral Search Committee**. They need our prayers of encouragement and support as they work to secure pastoral coverage for the present times as well as future time. The work is intense and the results of that work are not often immediately realized. They need the love and support of their congregation during these trying days. Thank you for caring... and for showing your care.



Thanks to the awesome Lincolnshire Congregation for having Beverly and me over to share God's gift with you all. We very much appreciated the warmth and hospitality of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Anytime I can be of assistance, please feel free to call! God Bless, *Lafayette and Beverly Jordan*

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who helped prepare and serve the funeral dinner for Marilyn Drudge's mother last Thursday. The dinner was a full sit-down meal for approximately 150 people and required a concentrated effort to prepare, serve and then clean up afterward. The folks in the kitchen possess a work ethic that is hard to duplicate...if it can be at all. So again, thank you for everything you did to make this a very special time for Marilyn and her family. *Jan Ward, Kitchen Coordinator*



This Week at Lincolnshire

February 13 9:15 Women's Bible Study
February 16 2:00 Outreach & Caring
February 16 7:00 Men's Bible Study
at Dave Bickel's - 1 Samuel 9

Our guest speaker this morning is Rev. Steve Cain

Rev. Cain was called into ministry in 1971 and has served 40 years in the United Methodist Church in several Indiana cities. He also served as a missionary to the NE Missionary Region of the Methodist Church in Brazil, in addition to leading over 16 mission trips to Brazil, Nicaragua, Sea Islands, Louisiana and Mexico. He has a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Christian Theological Seminary and was a key leader in the Lafayette Area Peace Coalition. He retired in 2013 and is married to Tracy Lynn Smith (Cain) who is a counselor at Safe Harbor in Ft. Wayne. He currently works as a rehab service provider for the Bowen Counseling. He enjoys counseling youth, children and marriages, is an avid environmentalist, and loves sailing, tennis, soccer and healthy living. Together they have six children and six grandchildren. They live on the south side and are ardently interested in the South Side Renaissance.



Be the salt...

Rev. Cain's message will remind us that we who follow Christ must follow him in peacemaking and life affirming actions that take us out of our comfort zone. While this is not an easy time, God is faithful and will never leave us abandoned nor forget each act of obedience to Kingdom mandates. Being *salt* and *light* means sticking our necks out and taking risks, always knowing that God is with us and ahead of us on the journey. He directs us to *Matthew 5:13-20, 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, Deuteronomy 30: 1-6.*



**You are invited to a
Couples Shower
For**

Bailey Vorndran and Andy Dzierla

Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m.

**They are registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.**



Please RSVP to Ruth Strole or Linda Fultz by March 5.

News from Camp Mack



Next Sunday, February 19, we will celebrate the end of our mortgage on the John Kline Welcome Center! Because of your faithfulness, the hard work of the Camp Board and our staff, a subsequent payment was received. Without that, the threat to significantly cut our programs has disappeared. In twenty months, a debt of over \$400,000.00 is gone! Please celebrate with us at the John Kline Welcome Center from 2:00 to 4:00. We will have an open house with simple refreshments and a short program beginning at 3:00. This is a victory for **EVERYONE** associated with Camp Mack and we want everyone to participate. Won't you join us?

**Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director
Camp Alexander Mack**

From the Northern Indiana District Office

Pastoral Placement:

Camp Creek – called Roger Stuart

Blue River – updating profile

Lincolnshire – formed Search Committee

Union – in search

Prince of Peace – formed Search Committee

Wawaka – in search

2017 Mileage Rates Announced

As of Jan. 1, 2017, mileage is 53.5 cpm (down from 54cents in 2016) Although the church does not reimburse for mileage, you are encouraged to keep track of your mileage for hospital visitations. The amounts can be added to your tithe and/or retained for your personal tax purposes.

From the pen of Torin Eikler, District Executive

“I saw a Facebook post this week that showed a man sitting on a bench, looking over a river in the rain. On the wall above his head was written “A Change is Coming.” The caption read, “A change is coming. God give us courage.” While I understand the intended message of the post, my first thought was: God already gave us that... and hope... and purpose... and love. My prayer for 2017 is that this will be a season when we all find our way back into the heart of God where fear falls away and where we are molded into courageous harbingers of the transforming love that has saved each one.”

“Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone – we find it with another.” - Thomas Merton