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Stidham United Methodist Church

Dave's Diary

The Lord's Baseball Game

Freddie and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love'. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails". The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass; ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws. The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddie and told him he was now going to bring in his star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddie said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his centerfielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove. Hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a **home run!** The Lord's team won!

The Lord then ask Freddie if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddie answered that he didn't know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game, you would think **you** had done it by yourself. Love, Faith, and Wisdom will get you on base but **only my Grace can get you home!**

"For by Grace you are saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." – Ephesians 2:8 – 9

Psalm 84:11 – "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk up rightly."

Blessings,

Dave

May newsletter articles are due by May 22rd
Thank you

THINGS GOING ON IN THE CHURCH IN MAY 1-31

The 1st or 2nd Sunday when we have communion is our "Helping Hands Mission". Please put your money in a pew envelope and write your name, amount, and "Helping Hands" and put it in the offering plate.

Bible Study—Monday Night May 4,11,18 at 6:30 pm

Bible Study—Tuesday Morning May 5,12,19 at 10:00 am

Choir Practice—Wednesday Night May 6,at 7:00 pm—The last practice until the end of August

Lighthouse Prayer Group—Thursday May 7,14, 21, 28 at10:00 am

Food Pantry Day—Tuesday May 12 at N. 14th and Tippecanoe St 11:45am-2:30 pm

Food Pantry Day—Wednesday May 13 at 14th St. and Tippecanoe St 11:45am-2:30 pm

FOOD PANTRY: May is the month for Stidham members to donate money to support the Food Pantry. Please make your checks payable to Stidham UMC and mark your offering envelope "FOOD PANTRY". Thank you for your continuing support of the Food Pantry. **FOOD PANTRY WORKERS:**

May is the month that Stidham volunteers to help distribute food to the needy. Our **NEW FOOD PANTRY LOCATION IS AT 14TH St and Tippecanoe St.** Parking is available on the street and in the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church parking lot on Tippecanoe St. We work from 11:45am-2:30pm on Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May13. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** If any questions, please call Dave or Susie Webb at 538-3590.

MISSION PROJECTS

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR GROCERY CART EACH MONTH

January— "Donations for Money

February-Canned Meat or Tuna

March-Spaghetti sauce or Noodles (No Glass Jars)

April— Paper Products

May-Cash Donations

June— Canned Fruit

July-Macaroni & Cheese

August— Paper Products

September-Cash Donations

October-Peanut Butter

November-Soup & Crackers

December-Oatmeal or Cereal

When cleaning out your pantry if you have you find something you don't need, bring it in and put in the food cart. Make checks payable to Stidham UMC and mark your pew envelopes "Food Pantry"

LIGHT HOUSE PRAYER GROUP

The labels collected are sent to Henderson Settlement. Please see the display in Fellowship Hall showing how each label is to be turned in. There is a basket for you to put your labels in. There are white sheets by the basket showing you what companies are participating. See display on table in Fellowship Hall.

POP TABS & CANS FOR RILEY HOSPITAL

Please leave them in Fellowship Hall and Kevin Fry will turn them in for cash. If you have any questions, please see Kevin.

The Month of May

I am in the middle of preparations for an open house celebrating my 90th birthday. It is planned for Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Stidham United Methodist Church and everyone is invited. The celebration will begin at noon, right after worship and I will stay 'till everyone is ready to go home. I have picture albums that date back for my whole life. I'm choosing a few pictures to share with all of you. I have a talented family that is going to create a slide show. I hope it will be a fun day for my family and you, my friends. We are planning a hog roast to begin at noon, so bring your appetite and be my guest on Sunday, July 12, 2015. Save the date. No gifts, you are gift beyond all else. I feel **I have been truly blessed**.

May is here and it brings more celebrations. Mother's Day is May 10th. Scripture admonishes us to not slight our mothers. Honoring your mother can be found in Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, and Matthew – these are a few Biblical places that we are advised to honor Mom. The month is full of planting and weeding flower pots and gardens. It is exciting and the anticipation of new growth enhance the desire to get up every morning – even on rainy days. God is Great, God is Good—every day.

The month progresses to conclude with remembering those that have passed on to live in yet another world. Son, Bob, and I will make a pilgrimage one day this month for a visual remembrance of the places where stones depict the beginning and the closing of the lives of those very dear to me. First to Tippecanoe Memory Gardens to put flowers out for husband, Bub, and son, Bill. Then to Monticello for my parents and on to Fairmount, Indiana for Bob's other (Greene) grandparents. It is important for me to not forget and to recognize what my parents gave to me – sometimes sacrificing so I 'could have'. I thank Bud's parents – they gave me a fine husband and a caring father for our two sons. **I am blessed**. My son Bill, taken from us by cancer when he was fifty-six, gave me two grandchildren, Chad and Lorraine; I love them dearly. A day of my life each year is a gift for all I have been given by those that are in heaven. The month will come to an end with the Indianapolis five-hundred mile race on the Sunday before Memorial Day. Good memories of those celebrations, on Memorial Day, as a young mother spent with the Greene family in Marion, Indiana. State Road 26 wasn't the greatest road, curvy, narrow, with lots of small towns. It was fine because I was with my family. Little did I realize that these memories were being made to sustain me when times were sad and I would depend on the past to get me through some rough days in the present.

My Heavenly Father guided my every day. It has been a very good life, **I am blessed**. Come celebrate my 90th birthday with me on July 12th. I, Bob and Susan, Brian and Michelle, Megan and Everette, Laura, Lorraine and Chad, Chad and Bonny invite you to be our guests. Please save the date!

Remember Mother's Day – mothers are the greatest gift anyone can be given. Love your Mom!
Make some memories!

Love and Prayers,

Betty Greene

Answers to—Who Are These
Women In The Bible?
1. Mary
2. Ruth
3. Miriam
4. Mary & Martha
5. Salome
6. Rebekah

A NOTE FROM NOBLE KIZER WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OUR HELPING HANDS FUNDS

The Helping Hand Fund is your church's program to help individuals, or families, who need help, particularly in emergency situations. The Fund's purpose is to assist the member(s) of your congregation who need support; for example—with utility payment, medical bills, food needs and other personal concerns.

Secondly, we offer the same for people in the townships in the surrounding areas: Jackson, Randolph, Union, and Wea. Occasional, requests for assistance by those outside of these townships are rarely considered.

The HHF is supported by our member's contributions in the Bible Study and Thursday Prayer Group meetings. All other members are asked to leave their contributions on first Sunday of each month during our Communion Service. This is a "free will" contribution which may be made by using the envelopes in the pews and placing them in the Offering Plates. Just put "HHF" and your name on the envelope to receive credit for your generosity. This contribution, of course, is tax deductible.

The Helping Hand Committee thanks everyone for their help.

SCHOLARSHIP'S

We are accepting applications for Scholarship's this year until Saturday May 16. If you haven't turned them in please do so. If you need to pick up an application form, please see Paula or Judy in the church office.

Thank you

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Every Monday night at 6:30pm and Tuesday morning at 10:00am, Pastor Dave has a Bible Study. This month we are studying the Book of Revelation.

He is a Great Teacher of the Bible! Come join us!

5TH SUNDAY Meal—May 31st

An announcement will be made in church and will be in the bulletin as to what you will need to bring. Table service and drinks will be furnished.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Looking ahead into June: Vacation Bible School will be on Saturday June 20. A time will be announced soon. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Arletta Brown. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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Attendance

	SS Totals	Worship	Totals
04-05-2015	0	136	136
04-12-2015	17	81	98
04-19-2015	14	82	96
04-26-2015	18	100	118
Totals	49	426	475

April 2015

Weekly Giving

	Budget Income	Specials	Total Deposit
04-05-2015	\$ 3,953.25	\$ 940.00	\$ 4,893.25
04-12-2015	\$ 4,074.51	\$ 864.00	\$ 4,938.51
04-19-2015	\$ 2,977.25	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,027.25
04-26-2015	\$ 2,308.25	\$ 174.00	\$ 2,482.25
Totals	\$ 13,313.26	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 15,341.26

2015 1st Quarter—Income & Expenses

General Acct Jan—Mar Income	General Acct Jan—Mar Expenses	Specials Acct Jan—Mar Income	Specials Acct Jan—Mar Expenses
\$39,368.81	\$22,821.52	\$12,44.00	\$221.27
Checkbook Total—3-31-2015	\$ 23,972.63	Checkbook Total—3-31-2015	\$ 39,508.02

Complete monthly reports are available. If you would like a copy contact Paula in the church office: 765-474-2806 or email: stidhamumc@yahoo.com

LET US BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT THE LORD PROVIDES US WITH EACH AND EVERY DAY.

LET'S GIVE BACK GENEROUSLY TO THE LORD!

Testing Your Bible Smarts!

Who Are These Women In The Bible?

- The shepherds and sages adore and depart;
she quietly ponders these things in her heart. _____
- She came with Naomi to Bethlehem,
and learned that a widow may love again. _____
- She watched a princess find her brother,
then for his nurse she brought his mother. _____
- Two sisters kept at Bethany;
a home where Jesus loved to be. _____
- They thought she would ask for jewels instead;
but the price of her dance was the prophet's head. _____



Cathy's Corner

Due to moving, there will not be an article in Cathy's Corner this month.
Best Wishes—Dave & Cathy—getting settled into your new home!



Diary of a Bible

January:

A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

February:

Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

March:

Had a busy day first of the month. My owner was elected president of the PTA and used me to prepare a speech.

April:

Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me in his lap for an hour reading from 1 Peter 5:5-7. He seems to think more of me than some people do in my own household.

May:

I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

June:

I look like a scrapbook. They have me stuffed full of newspaper clippings; one of the girls got married.

July:

They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off to vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

August:

Still in the suitcase!

September:

Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

October:

They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the pastor is coming by for a visit.

November:

Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I was a scrapbook.

December:

the family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again . . . just as I am every Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 2015

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 6 — Diana Byers

May 12 — Gretchen Kizer

May 16 — Dick Watts

May 21 — Bonnie Watts

May 27 — Barbara Baugh

May 30 — Asher Morlan

May 3 — Craig & Tara Plantenga

May 6 — Doug & Karen Wethington

May 12 — Josh & Alissa Morlan

May 20 — David & Sue Whitehead

May 21 — Jeff & Cindy Stuart



Everyone needs a prayer every day. Let us give thanks and ask God to be with those who are on our prayer lists and all those who are going through personal struggles, health issues and other worries that they may have. Let us share our faith and love to one another as life works in different ways.

Bill Emery and Family, Cindy Lindstrom, Jill Plantenga and Family, Bill Lutgen, Dick Watts, Seth Greene and Family, Our military and Our World Leaders.



EASTER FLOWER LIST

NAME:

IN MEMORY OF:

Pat Baugh	Bud & Lindy Baugh
Dave & Arletta Brown	Arletta's Father
Bill Byers	Joyce, Jonathan & Parents
Gordon & Susan Chavers	Our Parents
Ron & Kathy Denhart	Bernard Osterhoff
Ron & Kathy Denhart	Burnell & Marcella Denhart
Tim & Tera Driscoll	Tim's Grandparents & Tera's Father
Mary Ezra	Max & Our Parents
Alice Francis	Parents & Grandparents
Betty Greene	Bud & Bill Greene
Ron & Brenda Hardesty	Ruby Duncan & Richard Hardesty
Mike & Marcy Helms	Parents & LaVere Best
Dennis & Carolyn Hockstra	Melody Hockstra
Dennis & Carolyn Hockstra	Norm Lipp & Nelson & Thelma Glick
Ed & Lucy Keller	Harold & Catherine Keller
Opal Kuhl	My Father & Sister
Maxine LeFevers	My Brothers
Bruce & Cheryl Parker	William & Eleanor Poelstra
Shirley Powell	Mother-Father-Son
Diann Robinson	Husband-Terry
Helen & Donna Sturm	Cousin- Virginia Whitehead
Julia Wagner	Roselyn Goff
Julia Wagner	Ronald Brickler
Jim & Susan Walters	Susan's Dad
Jim & Susan Walters	Jim's Father & Mother
Dick & Bonnie Watts	Our Parents & Sisters
Dave & Sue Whitehead	Our Parents
Evalyn Windle	Bill Windle
Steve & Kristen Winstead	Grandparents
Riley & Jaidyn Winstead	Great Grandparents
John & Connie Worth	Stacy Lindsey