

CROSSBEAMS

July 2026



Making Contact

If you call the church please make sure to leave a message. If there is a problem with that please let Emma know by emailing michigancitymethodistoffice@gmail.com

If there are any committee announcements, etc that need to be included in the bulletin please submit them to michigancitymethodistoffice@gmail.com. by 10 am Thursday mornings. Committee chairs and team leads are responsible for submitting meetings and times to her (and current locations of those meetings) as well.. The new cut off date for Crossbeams articles is the 20th of the month.

What's Inside

- ♦ Pastor's Notes
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The official newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Tammy



One year ago the Mills-Craig family landed in Michigan City. Looking back on the year I can confidently say it has been an amazing year of beach adventures, of exploring new places, of discovering Swing Belly's Monday hamburger special, of brunching at Memo's, of running around La



Porte county, of encounters with local wildlife, and of many trips to Bubbles. It has also been an extraordinary year of building relationships, of walking through tough times together and celebrating the many ways God has been at work in the congregation.

My overwhelming feeling this last year has been gratitude. There isn't time or space to express how grateful I am to each of you for taking me (and my family) in and making me feel like family.

I am excited to see what this next year has in store for us all. One thing I know for sure is that we don't journey alone. God's love and grace is always illuminating and guiding our steps along the way.

Yours with a heart overflowing with gratitude,

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Monthly Calendar

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day
5 Worship 9:30am	6 Soup Kitchen Meeting 1pm	7 Trustee Meeting 5pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30am	13	14 Green Team 9am Finance Meeting 4:15pm	15	16 Bible Study 10:30am Galvestons Give Back	17	18 Ruth Lyness's Celebration of Life
19 Worship 9:30am	20	21	22	23 Bible Study 10:30am	24	25
26 Worship 9:30am	27 SPRC 4:30pm	28 Green Team 9am	29	30 Bible Study 10:30am	31	

Green Team News

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**Green Team will
start meeting
every Tuesday
from 9-12pm**

**With the exception of
July 7th and July 21st**

Homebound

1st UNITED METHODIST MEMBERS – ASSISTED LIVING or NURSING FACILITY

THE ELMS – 4300 CLEVELAND AVE. – MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360

Sam Johns – Apt. 109 – BD 6/8

Ann Berg – Apt. 118 - BD: 1/3

Shirley Mc Gillivray – Apt. 232 – BD: 8/29

Austin and Sylvia Wilkins – Villa #7

TRAIL CREEK PLACE – 1300 E. COOLSPRING AVE. – MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360

Bob Kahn BD 7/9 – Apt. 141

AT HOME MEMBERS

Joan Osborne – 230 Walker St. – Michigan City, IN – BD 8/1

June 29, 2026

Dear Friends at 1 st UMC,

Please don't forget to mark your calendar on the 3 rd Thursday of the month in 2026 for an evening with friends and neighbors at Galvestons. Recently we have missed seeing many familiar faces. Why not join us on July 16 th as we always look forward to seeing everyone.

The goal for 2026 is \$2,700. Please invite a few of your friends or neighbors to your table or pass out coupons to others who would enjoy a night out. This year in the 1st half we earned \$1,310 for the church. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you soon. God bless!

For our January give back \$180.00

For our February give back \$130.00

For our March give back \$240.00

For our April give back \$210.00

For our May give back \$240.00

For our June give back \$310.00

2026 Year to date: \$1,310.00



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Ruth Lyness

SATURDAY JULY 18TH @10:00AM

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First United Methodist
Church



Obituary

Marlene (Brown) Woodfield

March 29, 1936 – July 6, 2026

Marlene Joyce (Brown) Woodfield was born in Lafayette, Indiana to Haskell Dole and Ruth Viola (Ludders) Brown on March 29, 1936. She graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School and Purdue University, majoring in Home Economics.

During her senior year of high school, her grandmother suggested that she invite “that nice Teddy Woodfield” to the Sadie Hawkins dance. She asked, and he said yes! They dated during college, and then on February 2, 1958, just a few days after she graduated from Purdue, Marlene and Ted were married at the First Baptist Church in Lafayette. They moved to Michigan City, Indiana later that year where they would raise their family, including their children Debra and Todd. In September 1965, she opened the Children’s Village Nursery School where she taught for 26 years, influencing countless children and families.

Marlene was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Michigan City since 1958 where she served on the Visual Arts Committee making banners, wall hangings, and lectern covers. She also served at the church’s Monday soup kitchen, on the Easter Egg committee, and was coordinator of Homebound Ministries. She was a past Board Member of Michigan City Habitat for Humanity and participated in the Alzheimer’s Art Quilt Initiative raising money for the research of Alzheimer’s disease through the online sale of her small quilts.

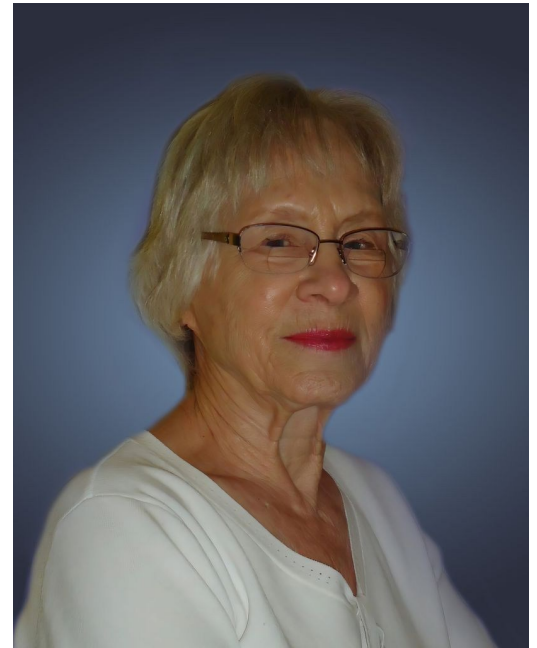
Marlene was an award winning quilter and fabric artist, belonging locally to the Gourmet Quilters, Designing Women, and String-A-Long Quilt guilds and numerous national and international quilt guilds. Three of her quilts are listed in the Library of Congress, American Folk Life Center online collection and two of her quilts are in the permanent collection of the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis. Countless others were featured in various books, magazines, calendars, and other art publications. Please visit her website at www.quiltsbymarlene.com to view her magnificent quilts, learn the stories behind them, and read various articles about her amazing gift and legacy.

During the final year of her life, Marlene made the difficult but wise decision to move to Minnesota to be near family, especially her dear great-grandsons. She thoroughly enjoyed this time and made many new friends who quickly became fans of her quilting and cards.

Surviving are her two children, Deb (Bill) Krause of Wayzata, MN and Todd (Debra) Woodfield of Oakland, KY; grandchildren Marin Krause of St. Louis Park, MN, Leah (Michael) Jordan of Shoreview, MN, and KaylaMarie (Connor) Jones of Chamblee, GA; beloved great- grandsons, Dominic, Vincent, and Simon Jordan; sister Rosalie (Nathan) Wilson; niece and nephews Rob (Diana) Wilson, Nathana (Pat) Jarboe, Jeremy (Stephanie) Wilson, Josh Brown, Chris Brown, and Rob (Jane Tompkin) Smith, as well as other loved ones. She was preceded in death by her dear husband Ted, her parents, and brother Haskell Dole Brown, Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be held for immediate family and close friends at the Forever Grace Church, Montmorenci, Indiana, and her ashes will be interred at Montmorenci Cemetery, beside Ted and members of the Woodfield family.

Memorials preferred to First United Methodist Church (121 E. 7th Street, Michigan City, IN 46360) or the Boys and Girls Club of LaPorte County (321 Detroit Street, Michigan City, IN 46360).



LITTLE LIBRARY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

**THE LITTLE FOOD PANTRY IS
ALL SET UP! A BIG THANK
YOU TO ALL INVOLVED**



**DONATIONS
ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!**

It's That time of Year Again!
We are collecting School
Supplies for Michigan City
Community School System! We
will have a collection box set
up outside the Sanctuary. Now
until Sunday July 26th



CITY-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

Saturday, August 8 @ Elston Gill Field 1-11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES HERE!

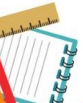
Help us make sure EVERY child in Michigan City is ready for school!



Antibacterial Wipes
Colored Pencils
Composition Books
Crayons
Dry Erase Markers
Facial Tissues
Glue Sticks
Highlighters

Index Cards (3x5)
Markers
(washable)
Pencil Boxes
Pencils
Pens
Pink Erasers
Scissors

Spiral Notebooks
Gallon Ziplocs
Quart Ziplocs
2-Pocket Folders
3-Hole Notebook
Paper
3-Ring Binders



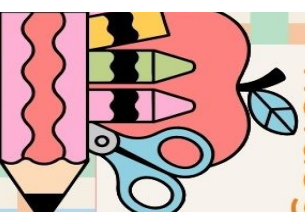
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH

@6PM

Come Join us for a back to
school bash! We will having
hotdogs with lots of games and
fun fellowship!



Tarnhill Soup Kitchen

Sundays, Mondays,

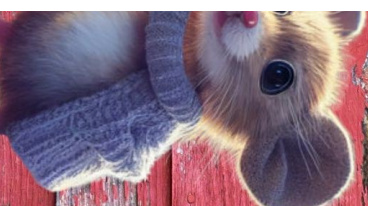
Wednesdays and Thursdays

11:30am-12:15pm



Eclectic Shop

Fridays
9am-1pm



Welcome!
We are glad you are
here

