

CROSSBEAMS

June 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.

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The official newsletter of First United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Tammy



First: let me just acknowledge having a tall kid makes for great selfies

Second: let me take a moment to acknowledge the journey to get to this selfie. An odd kid, (yes me) grows up feeling not really a part of her world. Meets her love. Family struggles with that love. Out of that love and struggle come the three best kids in the world. (Yes I know I'm biased). Those three go on to start their adult lives of triumph and struggle and in the process bless the first mentioned, odd child now a much older well adjusted woman ;-) with beautiful new people they choose to love.

Looking at this picture just reminds me of the journey that is our lives. That little girl would have never imagined she one day would be at the center of this selfie. The journey, that is our lives, has so many twists and turns. Times of certainty of times of doubt, life and loss and so much more.

The Sundays of June we will be examining the lives of Abraham and Sarah. Talk about lives that had twists and turns boy did they have them. What can we learn about navigating life as we examine theirs? How does our faith impact life's twists and turns?

Join us in June for a look at the faith and life of Abraham and Sarah. See what their story has to teach us.

Pastor Tammy

Monthly Calendar

June 2026							Notes
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Monday Musical @6pm Soup Kitchen Team Meeting @1pm	2 Trustee @5pm	3	4 Bible Study @10:30am Ruth Circle @6pm	5	6	Annual Conference 6/4/26-6/6/26 Happy Pride Month!
7	8	9 Finance @4:15pm	10	11 Bible Study @10:30am	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18 Bible Study @10:30am Galveston Give Back	19 Office Closed in observation of Juneteenth	20	
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Bible Study @10:30am	26	27	
28	29 SPRC @4:30pm	30					

Green Team News

It's been a busy month! Our team has gotten back to sorting books, unpacking boxes, and getting ready for the next phase of restoration at the church. Good things are happening. Lots more to do . . .

Part of the exciting news is that we now have two outlets for the myriad of boxes of books from St. Paul Lutheran's children's library (rescued along with all their school's textbooks that were taken to SCARCE to be reused). We've been housing them since before our elevator event - it's time for them to get to some kids!

Head Start at Paladin will take all of the preschool and kindergarten books - YAY!

Others will go to people in our community who keep the Little Libraries filled with books for families to freely take. Through Peggy's contact with Trinity Episcopal Church, we have a contact person who tells us that they even have storage for them. Double YAY!!

If any of you are Library folks who keep these boxes filled, you are most welcome to take boxes as well. What a great thing for the children of Michigan City - agreed?

If you'd like to join our endeavor, the Green Team will be meeting over the summer on

TUESDAY MORNINGS beginning at 9:00 am.

Contact Bev at beverlyegriffith@gmail.com for more info, and come help our church.

Hoping to see you on Tuesdays!

Bev :)

Green Team What's New

Glad you asked! In our continuing efforts to GO GREEN, (and pinch pennies), we now have hand towels in most of the church restrooms to replace the paper towel rolls that are a continuing expense. These small flannel towels are made with love from new remnants by our own Peggy Copeland - she's sewing as fast as she can ;)

We'll have small containers to put your used towel in, and we'll take care of the washing and restocking. "ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS" Sage advice - thanks, Mom!

BTW, more good news: The Eclectic Shop is open on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 pm. In the month of May, the Shop took in over \$690 - sure helps the church offers! Come check us out - you may find that certain perfect thing you've been searching for. We also welcome donations; please fill out a detailed form, found on the church welcome center.



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 – Apt. unknown

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

Marlene Woodfield – 18405 Rockford Road – Apt. 323 – Plymouth, MN 55446

Phone: 219 342 3068 – www.quiltsbymarlene.com – Effective early January 2026

Dear Friends at 1st UMC,

Please don't forget to mark your calendar on the 3rd 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 June 18th as the weather is finally a little warmer.

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 quarter we earned \$540 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 \$120.00

For our March give back \$240.00

For our April give back \$210.00

For our May give back \$240.00



Community Event

2026 Beverly Shores Necktie 5K

On Saturday, June 20, 2026, the town of Beverly Shores will host its 19th annual Necktie 5K Run/Walk. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Association of Beverly Shores Residents and honors all fathers and father figures. Participants are invited to run or walk a 3.1-mile course festooned in neckties that winds through Beverly Shores and offers breathtaking views of Lake Michigan, the Great Marsh, and the woods. The nest of a pair of majestic eagles is also on the route, and it's possible there will be some eaglet sightings. Whole families are encouraged to attend, including babies in strollers and dogs on leashes. Children between the ages of four and eight are invited to take part in their own mini race. Overall and age group winners will be recognized as will the top father/daughter and father/son teams. Live music before and during the race at the start/finish line, as well as post-race festivities at The Goblin (1 W Dunes Hwy, Beverly Shores) are also planned. Don't miss out! For more information on the race and how to register, please go to www.necktierun.com or click on QR code.



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Ruth Lyness

SATURDAY JULY 18TH @10:00AM

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First United Methodist
Church



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 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES HERE!

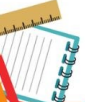
Help us make sure EVERY child in Michigan City is ready for school!



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

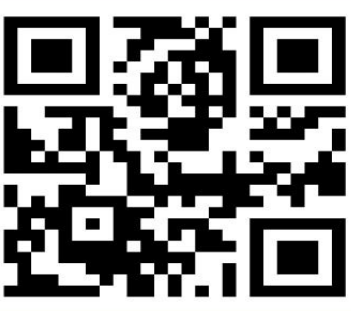
Index Cards (3x5)
Markers
(washable)
Pencil Boxes
Pencils
Pens
Pink Erasers
Scissors

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



Our new website

is live!



mcindianaume.org



Tarnhill Soup Kitchen

Sundays, Mondays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays

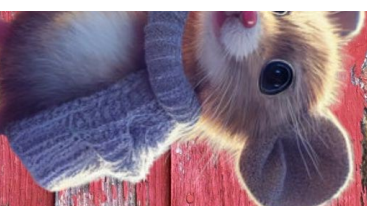
11:30am-12:15pm



Eclectic Shop

Fridays

9am-1pm



*Welcome!
We are glad you are
here*

