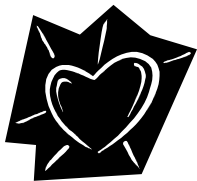


February/ March 2008

Newsletter Deadline –March 10 – 8:00 a.m. EST



Calendars for February and March:

February:

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| 10 | NA District Leadership Training, Trinity UMC |
| 13-14 | Cabinet CDW |
| 17 | Snow date for leadership training |
| 23 | Conference of Council on Ministries, 9:30AM |
| 23-24 | Sr. High YAC- Indianapolis North |
| 27-28 | Cabinet CDW |
| 29 | Laity Convocation- University of Indianapolis |

March:

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| 1 | Laity Convocation- University of Indianapolis |
| 1 | Bishop's Conference Rally |
| 4 | Retiree's Lunch Holiday Inn, Lakeview (Jeff) |
| 4-5 | Cabinet CDW |
| 24 | District Comm. on Ordained Min. 5pm DePauw Memorial |
| 26-27 | Cabinet CDW |
| 30 | Henryville UMC 2PM |

Web site: <http://www.naumcdistrict.org>

Are You Bold?

Shortly after we moved in to 3 Orchard Lane and got our television connected to the cable, we heard the news story. Motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel died on Fri., Nov. 30, at age 69. He was also a former insurance salesman. Ironic. It would seem that Evel spent his entire life in "risk management" in one form or another.

Insurance. The way some proclaim and understand the Gospel, one would think it's about insurance. Heaven insurance. Do just enough to make sure to go to heaven. Agree with just enough... believe just enough... to get to go to heaven.

We certainly want everyone to be part of God's family in eternity. Make no mistake. But instead of merely "selling insurance," I'd rather be daring, even bold. Not on a motorcycle. Certainly not in any death-defying feats of physical skill.

I'm talking about the kind of boldness and daring that lives full, rich lives in Christ. Each day. Every moment. I want to live life with Christ every moment so that others can see the complete way Christ wants to redeem us in this life.

It all begins when you join God's family through Jesus Christ here on this earth.

Living bold and daring lives in Christ will show others how the love of God touches everything in our lives. The love of God is about far more than merely getting us into heaven. The love of Gods touches and influences our living, our doing, our thinking, our feeling, and our praying.

In the book of Acts, there are many uses of the word "bold." We are called to be clear, straightforward witnesses to God's love. We are not called to prove anything. We are not called to convince anyone of anything. The Holy Spirit does those jobs.

As Peter and John are reprimanded by the authorities for sharing about Jesus, Acts 4:20 shares part of their reply, "for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have been and heard."

In Ephesians 6:20, the apostle Paul asks his friends, "Pray that I may declare [the Gospel] boldly, as I must speak."

A new generation of motorcycle daredevils is hard at work. Robbie Maddison set the new jump record on December 31 with a 98 meter leap in a Las Vegas casino car park. Maddison named the late Evel Knievel as his inspiration for the new record.

We have the greatest inspiration ever known- Jesus Christ! It's time for this generation of those who follow Jesus to share the love of God with daring boldness. Don't just manage risk, be bold and live a brave life with Christ and for Christ every single day of 2008.

Go in peace. Go with God. And be well.

Shalom,

District and Conference Events and Information:

Check Day Online System for 2008

The online system available for the church will be Monday, January 14 to Friday, February 15th at www.sicumc.org. If for some reason you are unable to do this on line and do them **on paper forms only** you must have them to the district office by Thursday, February 7th in order for the office to have time to submit them to the SIC offices.

Ash Wednesday Service

Jacob's Chapel UMC

Jacob's Chapel will be having an Ash Wednesday Service, February 6 at 6:30 PM. Jacob's Chapel is located at 4725 Charlestown Rd, New Albany for anyone wanting to attend.

SIC Adds Administrator for VIM- Disaster Response

Rev. Dr. James Bushfield, Director of Connectional Ministries of the SIC, announces the addition of Jenni Walker to the conference staff. Walker will be the resources administrator for work teams and disasters response. Jenni will be working from the Turning Point UMC in Evansville. To contact Jenni Walker for help with forms before you go, forms after you've gone, VIM trip insurance, questions on where to go: email her at jwalker@sicumc.org or call at 812-893-1760.

Sr. High YAC

February 23-24

Indianapolis North

All Sr. High Youth is invited to attend the YAC United Methodist Church Youth Retreat. If you are planning to attend and need to make your hotel reservations call Hilton North at 317-849-6668. Room Rate of \$98 per room must be made before February 1st for more information please call Lourdes Gonzalez at the SIC offices at 1-800-819-8160 ext. 226.

South Indiana Conference Shares Church Information Online

WebShare-a SIC state-of-the-art, comprehensive web-based presence that shares newly updated conference data instantaneously. Is available online at www.sicumc.org (click on WebShare on top tool bar) Never before has the SIC had the capability to allow users to view and report key church info. You may also use a handy click on map to connects to www.MapQuest.com and clicking on Find-a-Church on the top tool bar and entering the city and state or zip code.

United Methodist Volunteer In Mission Training Event March 1

Saturday, March 1, 2008, 9:00am to 3:00 pm at Camp Indi-Co-So, 558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, IN 47462. If you are interested in leading or participating on a mission trip this event is for you. The cost is \$30 per person and includes UVMIM training manual and lunch. Please send reservations to South Indian Conference-VIM Training 1520 S. Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403 by February 15. For more information please contact Jenni Walker at 812-893-1760.

2008 South Indiana Annual Conference of the UMC

June 5-7

To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington. Be sure to mark your calendar now.

District and Conference Items

Remember in your prayers:

Rev. Ted and Gayle Chalk pastor at New Middletown UMC in the loss of his mother.
Rev. Les and Karen Grimsley – Marengo UMC in the loss of her mother.
Rev. Jim Gentry (former DS in New Albany District) family in the loss of his mother Thelma.
Davidson family in the loss of William R. Davidson, who served on several committees within our District.
Rev. F. Joan Ritichie Pastor at Riddle

Opportunities and Items of Interest for Laity and Clergy

- **Audio Visual resources from the SIC Center** is on a free loan basis to anyone at the local church -1-800-919-8160. Your only cost is return postage
- **Audit Reports for 2006** were due in the district office **May 1. I am still waiting on some here in the office.**
- **Conference Journals-** Have been mailed directly from SIC if you have any questions call 1-800-919-8160
- **Conference Website** provides a wealth of information - www.sicumc.org
- **District Website** – Check out the New Albany District web site at www.naumedistrict.org
- **Future dates for Clergy**

January 7-10	Joint Cabinet Retreat – CDW
January 10-11	Youth Spiritual Growth Retreat Greensburg UMC
January 23-24	Cabinet CDW
January 29-30	Cabinet CDW
February 10	District Leadership Training- Trinity UMC 1:30 – 4PM
February 13-14	Cabinet CDW
February 17	Snow date for Leadership Training- Trinity UMC 1:30-4PM
February 23	Conference Council on Ministries 9:30 AM
February 23-24	Sr. High YAC- Indianapolis
February 27-28	Cabinet CDW
February 29-March 1	Laity Convocation- University Indianapolis
March 1	Bishop's Conference Rally
March 4-5	Cabinet CDW
March 24	District Committee on Ordained Ministries-DePauw Memorial
March 26-27	Cabinet CDW
March 30	Henryville UMC, 2PM
- **Next News and Cues** will be for April / May 2008.
- **Retirees' Luncheon Holiday INN Lakeview (Jeffersonville)** March 5th
- **UMW Events**

THANK YOU NOTES:

New Albany District 2008 Leadership Training February 10, 2008

Trinity United Methodist Church, 2796 Charlestown Road, New Albany
1:30 - 4:00 PM

Responding to Conflict	Rev. Gary Shaar, SIC Associate Council Director
Communications/ Computers	Rev. Dan Gangler Area Public Relations Director Darren Bensing, NA District Public Relations Director
Finance/Treasurers	Jennifer Gallagher, SIC Treasurer Wilma Pierson, NA District Treasurer
Missions	Rev. Bob Walters, SIC Associate Council Director Rev. Glenda Riggs, NA District Global Ministries Chair
Pastor Parish Relations	Rev. Jim Bushfield
Diversity	Rev. Sharon White
Trustees	Rev. Stephen Ellis Pastor, Lighthouse UMC background in Church Merger And Insurance

Advance registration is encouraged.

Call Jim Lewis at 812-923-8071 or email him at fredjlewis@aol.com

There will be no registration fee and light refreshments will be provided.
Snow date is February 17, 2008

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome to the district through the Installation service, your warm greetings, and personal notes. Thanks to the Superintendency Committee and the Trustees for all of their hard work to make our entry, the installation, and preparations in the parsonage so very nice and memorable.

*Shalom,
Charlie and Donna Wilfong*

Special thanks to the District office for the flower arrangement at my mother's funeral. Charlie, I especially want to thank you for your concern and taking the time to visit the Funeral Home. Your support and concern meant a lot to us.

Ted, Peggy and Jean Chalk

To all the pastors and members of the New Albany District,

A special word of appreciation for the planter, calls, cards and visits upon the passing of my father. Most of all, thank you for the prayers during our time of loss.

Lary, Nancy and Jonathan "The Croppers"

New Albany District United Methodist Churches

Thank you so much for the beautiful plants, prayers, visits and good wishes when I had by accident, hip surgery and stay in the Harrison Health and Rehab. You just "didn't let me be sick" and I wasn't. I'm getting along fine thanks to all of you.

*With Much Love,
Wilma Pierson*

Thank you to Rev. Wilfong and the District Pastors for their calls, visits and the peace lily that was sent in memory of Karen's mother, Marion Gardner.

Mom went home to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on her birthday. What a wonderful Gift! Her funeral was a time to celebrate her life, what God did through her.

It's wonderful to be a part of the Family of God and such a caring district.

*Love,
Les and Karen Grimsley*

I appreciate so much the gift card you gave me for Christmas. May the Lord bless each of you as you minister this year!

*Love,
Lynette Klintstiver*

“ PASTORS MEET THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT”

Please note that Charlie Wilfong is available to meet with pastors and spouses in any county on the dates listed below from **1-5 PM.**

January 17	Wesley (Jeff) UMC
January 18	Edwardsville UMC
January 31	Marengo UMC
February 7	Pekin IMC
February 8	Heidelberg UMC

The following meetings times will be ½ hour allotments and on a first come first serve basis. Please call Lynette Klinstiver at the New Albany District office to make your appointment at 1-800-919-8166 or 812-945-0388.

Later the same evenings from 7-9 PM

Cookies, punch and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall. **All clergy and spouses are invited to come and meet with Charlie and Donna that evening so they can get to know you!**

PLEASE NOTE:

If for some reason you cannot make it on the date in which they are going to be in your county you are encouraged to attend any of the other dates. They look forward to this time of gathering.