



# The Parish Portrait

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In preparing for Easter came across a story as passed on by Dr. Dan L Flanagan.

Gracie Allen lived in the hope of God's unfolding grace. She and George Burns made an excellent comedy team. They were also deeply in love. When Gracie died, George was devastated. One of the things that George kept close to him following her death was a love note that always encouraged him. The note said, "Never place a period where God has placed a comma." Gracie Allen reminded George and us that God's creation is on-going. We are constantly placing periods where God has only a comma. There is more to come...

Dr. Dan L Flanagan.

Gracie Allen's love letter to George is a great witness to that which God has accomplished through Jesus Christ at Easter. In *John 14:19* Jesus says, "Because I live, you shall live also!" We celebrate Easter because Jesus rose from the dead and because He conquered death. Sharing His victory with us, Christ has made death only a comma. Through His amazing grace, Christ will sustain us throughout this journey and will one day deliver us to the shores of Heaven safe and sound. Praise God for the Easter Gospel!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.  
*Revelation 7:12*

In Christ, Greg Leigh, pastor

## United Methodist Youth Fellowship

On Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, the UMYF presented a dinner theater. The meal was served in the social room preceding the play. The play was, "*The Trials of Jess Goodnuff*" performed in the sanctuary.



Cast of Characters:

Policeman- Kenadie Speith  
Jess Goodnuff- Matt Holden  
Bailiff- Olivia Leary  
Judge- Nick Leary  
Prosecutor- Hannah Leary  
Don- Tyson Bolenbaugh  
Amy- Taylor Hughes  
Reverend-Hali Frinrock  
Mom- Mallory Bowen  
Public Defender- Jordan Miller  
Angels- Sidney Bowen, Ashley Dealey, Ally Fegley, Cora Frinrock , Brady Guest, Katie Hughes  
"All Above," Duet-Riley Guest & Sydney Bowen

The play opens with the arrest of Jess Goodnuff. Jess is brought before the court to defend his actions. What Jess does not realize is the judge he is facing is God, and the prosecutor, the Devil, is trying to prove that just being "goodnuff" in life is not a ticket into heaven.

UMYF director, Jean Leary and her cast of leaders, Jeff Leary, Ashley Holden, Brett & Allison Hammonds, Julie Fegley, Brad Hughes, Vicki Saylor and Greg & Laura Leigh brought together a well-organized, humorous and moving

## United Methodist Women

Convoy United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday April 4th at 7pm in the CUMC social room. Person: Marie Sanfilippo  
Greeters: Ann Beougher, Nikki Beougher  
Hostesses: Karen Bullinger, Susie Baska

Please see the 2012 UMW reading program flyer is available in the church library, all UMW and church members are encourage to utilize the church library by check out books,

The reading list is also attached.



## Loaves of Love

Loaves of Love, is an outreach program designed to feed Crestview Elementary students whose families may not have enough food for the weekends. Every Friday, participating students will receive free food items that are both nutritious and easy to prepare and eat. The church is accepting donations of food items each month. We will be assigned and item, and if you wish to make a cash donation, drop it in the offering plate and label "Loaves of Love."

April collection items are individual cups of fruit or applesauce w/ pull tab or individual boxes of cereal. For more information contact Vicki Saylor or Shawna Putman.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation class is under way. We have six young people attending. The class consists of Ashley Dealey, Katie Hughes, Alley Fegley, Sydney Bowen, Brady Guest and Kenadie Speith.

We wish them all the best in their spiritual journey and look forward to May 27<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday

production.

Special thanks go out to all the parents who helped make it all possible. Thanks to Warren Reed for being such a good sport in the opening scene, when Jess compares himself to Warren. See comments on the performance by audience and cast.



*"That was some real acting, because she is really a little devil." –Hannah Leary on her sister Olivia's portrayal of the bailiff.*

*"It was a lot of fun, I thought they did a great job"*  
- Betty Springer

*"I was impressed; they were very professional, humorous and had a good message." – Dick Miller*

## Anniversary Celebration

The 11:11 service celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Palm Sunday with a Potluck dinner. The dinner was held at the Contemporary Service Building.

To give us some perspective below are a few prices and events going on in the world 10 years ago.

- Gasoline was \$1.47 a gallon
- Milk was \$1.33 a gallon
- The funeral of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother at Westminster Abbey.
- The last successful telemetry from the NASA space probe Pioneer 10.
- Israeli forces surround the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem into which armed Palestinians had retreated. A siege ensues.

## Baptism Celebration

Congratulations to the Salisbury family. Courtney and her son Eliot were baptized on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> and received as members of the Convoy United Methodist Church.

## Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Wednesdays 3-4:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
UMW Meet	Wednesday April 4th at 7pm CUMC social room
Administrative Board	Thursday April 26th 7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday April 18th 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 5 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Communion, movie Pontius Pilot
Good Friday Service	Friday April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm Sugar Ridge Church
Easter Sunday Service	Sunday April 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunrise service 7am, Breakfast to follow, Sunday school kids activities  Combined Easter service 9:30am  W/ Ft. Wayne Rescue Mission outreach
PPR Meeting	Following the 9:30am Serviced in the sanctuary
Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday	Sunday May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30am

## Senior Pictures & Bio's

To all you parents who have a senior graduating in 2012. We would like to honor and recognize them in the May Parish Portrait. Please e-mail a picture and short biography of accomplishments or future plans by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Those can be sent to [klpp1985@gmail.com](mailto:klpp1985@gmail.com)  
Thanks in advance!!

## Food Pantry

The food pantry would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations. Meat continues to be a need, as well as laundry soap and health care items such as shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste.

Thank you to Bob & Tim Wertenberger, Anne Stewart & Jimmy Rivera for helping those in need and continually stocking the shelves with the many donations.

## Attention Pie Bakers

The pie crusts, donated by Larry Dealey, and the pie filling, donated by the Adult Fellowship class, are available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall's storage closet. Pie crusts are available in packages of 4 with or without tops, as 1 can of pie filling will fill 4 pies. Filling choices are apple, blueberry, cherry and peach. Please see a member of the fellowship class to assist you.

If you would like to volunteer to serve at the Fort Wayne Rescue mission on Easter Sunday, please contact Jon Hall.

## Prayer Concerns

Helen Haines, Jan Baker, Madge Wilson, Kay Bennington, Troy Hammond, Madison Ringwald, Sondra Shepherd, Dick Burden, Care Placke, Madalyn Emerick, Deb Casterline, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Miller, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Don Dawson, Stan Miller, Gerald Harting, Marcia Davies, Dorthy Gleckler, Dwight Smith, Dave Hummel, Alyssa Stemen and infant Tracen, the family of Genia McOmber, the family of Walter Hartsock, Unspoken Requests.

**Vancrest/Convoy:** Esten & Betty Fortney, Romaine Feasby, a special congratulations Romaine on being named resident of the month for the Convoy Care Center,

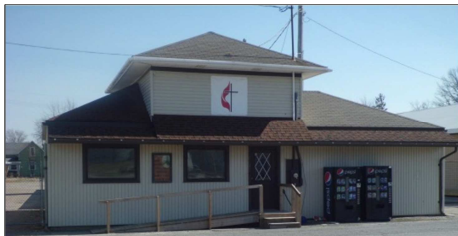
**Hearth & Home:** Jim Ryan

## Contemporary Service

A Contemporary Service is offered every Sunday morning at 11:11 a.m. This is held at the former Hall Lumber office downtown, located along the railroad tracks east of Main Street. It's a service filled with songs and praise. It is a casual and more relaxed service than 9:30 service. We still offer all the same sacraments.

The Service is hosted by our praise band called "Crossroads". Members include:

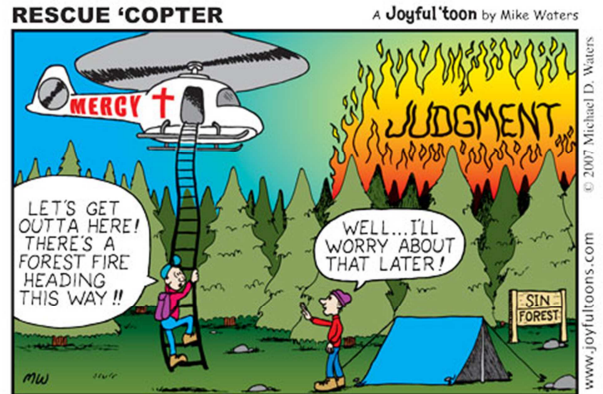
Guitarist Pastor Leigh Lead Vocal Jeff Gleckler, Keyboard Laura Leigh, Drums Fred Fegley, Bass Guitar Jordan or Jon Leigh. Casual dress such as jeans, T-Shirts, and ball caps are acceptable at this service. Refreshments are offered to be enjoyed throughout the service. Not on time for the beginning, not a problem. You're welcome to come in and join us whenever you get there. It's very informal. You're always welcome to come join us.



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## Comic Relief



Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you. — PSALM 89:14 NIV

Don't forget to check us out on the web at [www.convoyumc.org](http://www.convoyumc.org) for service streaming and more content about what's going on at Convoy United Methodist.

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