



SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Harry Hosier — A name to remember



As we begin Black History month, I find it appropriate to share about a man named Harry Hosier. Not much is known about Harry's early life, but the consensus is that he was a freedman. Most likely he was born to two slaves in North Carolina, but that's all the information we have about his parents—no

names are known. (It is a luxury many of us take for granted that we can learn about our heritage back through generations of ancestors simply by visiting any one of many websites which can automatically trace our family tree. Due to slavery and people being legally regarded as, at best, 3/5 a person, many Americans whose descendants were one of the 10 million slaves stolen from Africa have no way to trace their history.)

Many slaves' names were changed or created to tell what kind of work they did. Harry Hosier is believed to have received his last name from a master who had a business in hosiery. The best history we have for Harry is that he was sold to a prominent Methodist in Baltimore, MD where he gained his freedom during the time of the American Revolution.

Around this time he met Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury in what Asbury regarded as a meeting "providentially arranged." Hosier worked as Asbury's carriage driver and servant. Asbury quickly discovered that Hosier could memorize long passages of scripture verbatim and warm up crowds before he preached. Asbury would read scripture as they traveled around to train Hosier as a

preacher in his own right. In 1781 Hosier preached his first sermon to a black Methodist congregation in Virginia. His sermon was entitled "The Barren Fig Tree" from Luke 13:6-9. Not only did the black congregation receive Harry well, but many white people (who had come to hear Asbury preach) watched with great attention—many were moved to tears.

Asbury's intention was to have Harry preach to the black crowd, but people (both black and white) would travel a great distance to hear him preach. In fact, he became so effective that his crowds began to be more and more predominantly white. Eventually, in 1784 in Chapelton, Delaware, he became the first black man to deliver a sermon to a white congregation. Harry's sermons focused on ending slavery. He urged white Methodists to reject slavery and become advocates for the common working man. He told his black audiences to remain in a state of holiness through the struggle which caused quite the stir among his peers.

Hosier became a circuit rider and traveled as far as South Carolina to Massachusetts, usually with Asbury. Hosier hesitantly would travel to the southern part of the country to preach despite the risks he assumed to do so. His reputation preceded him and large crowds would await his arrival. John Wesley's other representative (along with Asbury) was Thomas Coke. (It's the meshing of Coke and Asbury which gives us our Methodist brand "Cokesbury") Coke wrote that Hosier was "one of the best preaches in the world and yet one of the most humble people he had ever met." Hosier joined Asbury and Coke at the Christmas Conference of 1784 which officially founded the Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

Hosier went on to preach for a number more years creating an increasingly strong reputation and following. Tragically, like many successful black people, he was falsely accused of a crime in 1791 which led to his exclusion from the church. Southern Methodists of power did what they

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could to ebb away at the strong reputation of Hosier until, late in life, he was homeless and extremely poor.

The reason we in Indiana should know the story of Harry Hosier (his surname spelled also as “Hoosier”) is because there is significant evidence to suggest he had a connection to our state and is the source of the nickname we all share. Of course, as is the case more often than not, work has been done to discredit the evidence leaving us all with enough mystery to wonder.

As we enter this one month among the twelve in our calendar year where black history is a source of focus, Harry Hoosier is a name we should all know as Indiana United Methodists. His intellect, bravery, passion, gifts, and work went a long way to help many people see that a person of color is worth far more than 3/5 of a whole. Harry won the hearts of many for the Lord and we owe him our gratitude for helping to blaze the trail for the eventual movement of our denomination to become one of the first to ordain people of color. Harry’s life features both heroism and tragedy and we would be all the better to take time and be grateful for the many people like him to impact our great country, state, and denomination.

May we reflect upon him and many others this month and honor those who have not received their due in the history books. May we open our hearts to the greatness of God reflected in all people. May we, too, reflect God’s great love in diversity—not only in these twenty-eight days, but the other 337 as well.

And may God’s grace and peace be with you.

—Rev. Joseph Sanford

A Note from our Financial Director

As Paul said in Ephesians 1:16 (NRSV) “... I do not cease to give thanks for you.” Thanks to all the SU

MC family, who faithfully continued to financially support our church in 2021. It has been a most difficult year, as we continue to struggle with the effects of COVID and other issues.

Giving for year 2021 was \$ 246,071.18, which was well below the giving in 2020 by

\$ 11,045.52. For 2020, giving was \$ 257,116.70. The giving in 2021 was the lowest giving in any year since 2010, the earliest records currently available.

As a result of the decline in giving, the 2021 Budget was not met. Giving for year 2021 was significantly below the Budget amount of \$257,508, by approximately \$ 11,500. However, all the obligations to the United Methodist Church were met as well as all staff were paid without reductions in salary or lay-off. Also, all bills are current.

Spending for 2021 exceeded Giving by \$25,748.74. As discussed previously, just as with our household expenses, the church cannot operate in the long-term where expenses exceed giving.

Significant changes in the 2022 Budget will need to be considered by the church’s Governing Board during the next several months due to the decline in Giving. Please pray for your Governing Board as it makes these difficult decisions for 2022, as they strive to be good stewards with less resources.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

— **R Waterman - SUMC Finance**

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Beyond the Walls Ministry

The visitation ministry is keeping in touch with those people who cannot attend church services, with cards and phone calls. In- person visits are discouraged at this time, due to the continued threat of COVID-19. If you are interested in helping with the card ministry or the phone ministry, please let me know and I will get you a list of people who you can contact.

Kathy Waterman



Pastor Joe is planning another 6-week session of the “Faithful and Inclusive” study via ZOOM. The participants of the first study strongly recommended it be offered again for others to have the chance to experience the blessing of the study they had received. The time and day will be determined by those who plan to attend.

Anyone is welcome to come and be a part of this opportunity. Please email Pastor Joe if you plan to attend: joe.sanford@inumc.org



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women:

Faith • Hope • Love in Action

We are women with a Purpose!

United Methodist Women meetings will take place in fellowship hall on January 9 and February 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM. All women are invited and encouraged to participate in UMW meetings that include informative and inspirational programs each month.



YOUTH MINISTRY

**Teen Years: A Great Time to Get Started
on a Healthy Heart**

It's February – **American Heart Month** – a time when the nation spotlights heart disease. This is the 58th consecutive year the U.S. has commemorated the American Heart Month as February. President Lyndon B. Johnson, among

the millions of people in the country who'd had heart attacks, issued the first proclamation in 1964. Since then, U.S. presidents have annually declared February American Heart Month.

The heart is the most important muscle in the body. We all know how important it is to physically care for our hearts, even though we may not always do it!! We hear all the time how we should eat healthy, stay active, watch our weight and manage stress just to name a few.

But, what about our spiritual heart? Do we do what we should for a healthy spiritual heart? God alone knows the heart because He searches it. “The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

It is never too soon to start healthy heart habits, both physical and spiritual.

What kind of heart is God looking for? Deuteronomy 10:16 says “Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.” This means the circumcision of the heart is a commitment to walk in obedience to the Lord. To consecrate yourself, to love God, and to serve him. We understand that circumcision of the heart is an inner commitment that reflected itself in the outward lifestyle. We have to open our hearts to God by removing all reservations, coverings, secrets and unbelief. Only when we open our hearts, can we be obedient and walk in the ways of the Lord.

The Bible talks about the heart approximately 946 times... One of the most popular of David's prayers in Psalm 51:10-12, he cries out to God to create in him a clean/pure heart, because he knows that without a pure heart he cannot please God or have a right relationship with Him.

So, what kind of a heart does God like? God likes a heart which:

1. Serves Him – Deuteronomy 11:13
2. Loves Him – Deuteronomy 30:6, Matthew 22:37

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3. Keeps His Word – Deuteronomy 26:16
4. Follows Him – 1 Kings 14:8
5. Seeks Him – 2 Chronicles 15:12
6. Praises Him – Psalm 86:12
7. Trusts Him – Proverbs 3:5
8. Believes Him – Romans 10:9,10

habits, but when it is all said and done you will be better for it.

Happy Heart Month,

Lori Rice



February Bible Reading Calendar

This is a calendar to help your students get familiar with some of the many Bible verses that are about love. Valentine's Day is in February and I thought it would be great to have the kids learn about the love of God as well as practice their Bible reading skills in the process.

How is your heart today? Have you asked God to create in you a clean heart? "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Our mind is where our heart is... where is your heart today? There can be no such thing as becoming a new creation (born again) without the purification of heart. The truth is you don't have the ability to circumcise your own heart, that must be done by God himself, through the power of the Holy Spirit. What you must do is give God access to allow him to do the work that he desires to do. When God does a circumcision of the heart, he is not just concerned about how you look outwardly, he is also concerned about how you are inwardly. God knows for true change to take place it must happen on the inside first. Let me put it to you this way. You are not born again because you change your behavior. You are born again because God changes your heart, which will then change your behavior. Your salvation is not just the forgiveness of your sin, it is about the transformation of your heart. When the Spirit of God transforms you, through circumcision of the heart, then you become a new creation.

Always remember, circumcision of the heart may begin at salvation, but it is not a one-time process, it is an ongoing process. This work of transformation, which is really sanctification, is a work that God will continue to do as he molds you into the image of Christ. Because of the way we are, this is a lifelong process that will not be complete until we reach eternity. However, if you love God and want to be what he desires you to be, it is a work you will embrace. With all this there is only one question left to ask, are you willing? If you are then you will see this process play out in your life. It will sometimes be painful because circumcision involves cutting. Cutting away the old you and the old

February						
1 John 3:16	2 1 John 4:9	3 Romans 5:8	4 1 Corinth. 13:4	5 1 Corinth. 13:5	6 1 Corinth. 13:6	7 1 Corinth. 13:7
8 1 John 4:19	9 1 Corinth. 16:14	10 1 John 4:8	11 Ephesians 6:24	12 1 Corinth. 13:13	13 Hebrews 13:1	14 Peter 4:8
15 1 John 4:11	16 Psalm 18:1	17 1 John 15:9	18 1 John 13:34	19 Romans 13:10	20 1 John 4:21	21 1 John 15:12
22 Psalm 145:20 Matthew 5:29	23 Proverbs 10:12	24 Philippians 1:9	25 1 John 13:35	26 Romans 12:9	27 Colossians 3:14	28 Hebrews 10:24



What is a Penpal? People who write to each other.

How many of you had a penpal growing up?

When I mentioned the plan to “connect” with a penpal during lent to my sister, she immediately got excited! It took her back to the 5th grade when she had a penpal named MaryAnne Higginbothm from Chillicothe Ohio! She wrote to MaryAnne every week and she wrote back every week over the entire year! It’s a memory she cherished 40 years later!

Last year during Lent, the SUMC WOW KIDS connected/penpaled with some of our adult members of our congregation and it was such a blessing to be connected.

So this year during Lent (March 2) and Easter (April 17) let's connect with more people.

There will be a sign up sheet if you would like to connect with a penpal and share with each other a card/letter of encouragement, prayer, scripture or maybe learn what are their hobbies? What is their favorite food?

If you have any questions or are interested in being a penpal, please contact me or the church office.

LET'S GET CONNECTED!

Brenda Croucher - 812-256-4262

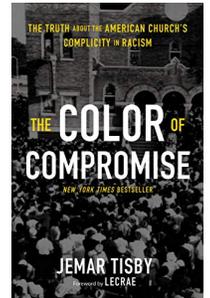
Book Study with Pastor Joe

We just concluded the first few sessions of the new study on “the truth about the American Church’s complicity in racism.”

The session was insightful, inspiring, and appropriately hard.

If you would like to join us for week 2, I am extending the chance to meet next week at 6pm (the study starts at 6:30pm) to watch session 1’s 15 minute video and then have some brief discussion to catch you up.

If you’d like to join, please let me know so we can arrange the early session.



Reminder: study guides are available at the church office for \$13. The guides involve very little reading and mainly a great deal of reflection on some important personal questions. If you decide you are interested in joining in, I’d strongly suggest picking up a study guide in the next couple of days to allow yourself the time to catch up and be ready for week 2.

If this study is not something you are ready for (just yet), please pray for those who are participating in the valuable work of racial reconciliation and justice which will impact our church community for decades to come.

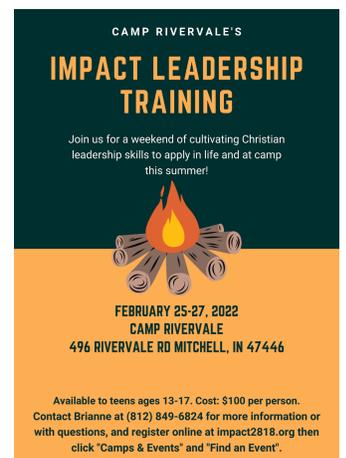
Grace & Peace,

Rev. Joseph Sanford

Leadership Training

If you know of any teenagers who would be interested in this leadership training opportunity, please pass along this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joe.



Prayer List

1. Joyce Adams
2. Don & Janet Broady
3. Mark Ritter's Grandfather
4. Patricia Wallace, friend of Elda Myers
5. Shirley Barnhart
6. Denny Jones (health issues)
7. Frank, Nora Pritchett's brother
8. Doris Smith and family
9. Jan Johnson (cancer treatment)
10. Dena Werle (recovery and treatments)
11. Dianne Merillat
12. Jessie Vogler (high risk pregnancy)
13. Lois and Jim Lewis - death of his brother
14. Caden Elrod - eye surgery and recovery
15. The Bacon family - death of stepfather
16. Family of Lois Hall - her death



Birthday List

See a mistake or omission? Need a mailing address for a card? Call the church office (812) 246-2502 or email sellersburgumc@gmail.com

- John Scannapieco Feb 2
- Liz Hardy Feb 3
- Pamela Gaines Feb 3
- Lauren Sanford Feb 6
- Michael Gillis Feb 7
- Anita Tackett Feb 9
- Susan Riley Feb 19
- Janet Werle Feb 20
- Ashley Gillis Feb 21
- Kathlynn Kahl Feb 21
- Connie Schlieker Feb 22
- Aiden Potts Feb 22
- Harlo Hardy Feb 22
- Donna Moore Feb 27
- Trudy Landers Feb 27
- Joan Holloway Feb 28



- Margaret Ross Mar 2
- Kim Scannapieco Mar 4
- Joyce Hecker Mar 10
- Janet Sims Mar 13
- Regina Lucas Mar 17
- Yvonne Frederick Mar 19
- Flora Childers Mar 21
- Dianne Merillat Mar 21
- Matthew Werle Mar 22
- Dena Werle Mar 24
- Bob Hess Mar 25
- Marie Mosteller Mar 25
- Don Broady Mar 28
- Mallory Webster Mar 28
- Denman Jones Mar 28



SUMC Missions

SUMC Missions update

The Missions Team closed out 2021 by supporting fifteen (15) Organizations helping others at the cost of \$850.00. We have followed the plans of 2019 since the virus problem, but we added (updated as needed when needs come to our attention, and the amounts given to each were dropped due to the limit of the budget of \$850.00. Outside sources did permit us to cover Remember the Children fully but not with Missions funds. The Mission team members are Marilyn Brenner, Paulette Davison, Janice Jones, and Kathy Waterman. In the past we have honored the request and interest of the congregation adjusting as we needed.

Our team did not meet in January but plans to meet our regular months April and August. November / December is usually covered by phone. If you would like to join us, please do. Our team deals with funds and where to apply them, but there are missional hands-on projects for the local community and other areas if you would like to be active in helping others. Contact Pastor Joe for the missional hands on project.

Organizations covered were Child Place North, Bliss House, Clark County Youth, U M Children's Home- Evansville, Kelly Burch, Jesus Cares at Exit Zero, Missions Guatemala, Voice of the Martyrs, Samaritan's Purse, Open Doors, New Life, Indiana Children's Home, Remember the Children, S. O. A. R., and Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you for your support in helping others.

SUMC Mission Team.

Pastor's Bible Study



Beginning Saturday January 29th, Pastor Joe will host a Bible Study at 9am on ZOOM (eventually in Room 2 of the church once omicron subsides). This study is open to anyone/everyone. The only requirement is an open-minded curiosity about the Bible.

Whether you are brand new to scripture, know enough to be dangerous, or have been studying for years, you can be curious. This study will be a place for people to have fellowship and share in questions as we dig into the Bible through an approach that takes context seriously. Join Pastor Joe for fun, exploration, and community.

Anyone is welcome to come and be a part of this opportunity. Please email Pastor Joe if you plan to attend: joe.sanford@inumc.org

Online Giving

<https://sumc.churchtrac.com>



We use "Church Trac" to facilitate online giving and member directory

If you are unfamiliar with a QR code, you can use a smart phone, pull up the camera on the phone, put this code into view of the camera, and a website link should automatically pop up on your device. You can then simply click the link and it will take you directly to the churchtrac website where you can securely give online (one time gift or set up automatic giving at a schedule of your choosing).

Seniors on the Go!!!

FRANKFORT, KY Date: Wed., Mar 16



This trip takes us to Kentucky's capital where we'll have a step-on guide show us some points of interest, including the historic downtown, Frank Lloyd wright House, VietNam Veterans'

memorial and more. An interesting tour.



Lunch will be on your own at Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville, former home of Claudia & Col. Harland Sanders.

Their veggies here are awesome!



Cost: \$57, due by & non-refundable after Feb. 14

Leave New Albany Meijer's 8:00am

Leave Walnut Street Church 8:30am

Joyce Riley

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If you have any questions, see Carolyn Nunn

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BLUEGRASS SCENIC RAILROAD Date: Wed., May 11



ALL ABOARD!!! as we embark on a scenic excursion through Kentucky's beautiful horse country viewing the rolling fields from the railcar of a diesel locomotive. We'll stop at Young's High Bridge overlooking the Kentucky River valley before heading back to the station.

Next, it's on to historic Midway for lunch (on your own) and some shopping in the little specialty downtown shops.



Cost: \$69, due by & non-refundable after April 8

Leave New Albany Meijer's 8:00am

Leave Walnut Street Church 8:30am

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