



## *Aurora First United Methodist Church*

September, 2024

*“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”*

REPRISE: A VIEW FROM THE PEW: BETTY WATTS, August, 2009

(Ann Elder ran this feature several years ago in our newsletter; this is a great opportunity to revisit memories from the past. Thanks to Ann, and thanks to Betty!)

*Next to my dad and mom (Tuck and Betty Watts), the Methodist Church was probably the most influential thing in my life as a child growing up in Aurora.*

*The Bible stories I heard in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School were as exciting to me as Nancy Drew mysteries. The hymns we sang in church were my introduction to classical music, which became a lifelong love of mine.*

*As I got a little older, I enjoyed helping my mom take Polaroid pictures of her “beginners” for Mother’s Day cards. I was so pleased, after she “retired” from her years in the back room with the little ones, and after my dad died, that she was occasionally asked to teach his Brotherhood Class. Having been trained as a history and English teacher, being able to continue teaching meant a lot to her. The one thing that saddens me is that she was unable to climb the stairs in her later years to attend church services.*

*As accompanist for the Aurora High School choir, I had the joy and privilege of playing the pianos and organs at most of the churches in Aurora. But my favorite always remained the wonderful Hook and Hastings pipe organ at the Methodist Church. I’m so proud that we have been able to maintain that beautiful instrument with its grand and glorious sound. I’d love to play it again one day.*

*Although I’ve not lived in Aurora for many years, I still consider the Aurora Methodist Church my “home church.” I’m so grateful that you’ve allowed me to remain on the roster as a member. I still look forward to receiving each church newsletter and reading the news of my extended “church family.”*

*These days I am known to most of my friends as just Betty, but most of you remember me as “Betty Ann.” I now live with my husband, Miles Moriarty, in Columbia, S.C.*

Editor’s Note: The above photo of the stained glass window from our sanctuary was chosen for this month’s newsletter because the window was given by Betty and Betty Ann in memory of Tuck Watts. Betty (as in Betty Ann) continues to be very much interested in Aurora First UMC.



**Attendance for August:**

8/4 - 29

8/11 - 30

8/18 - 27

8/25 - 24

Average attendance for August: 27

**Giving for August:**

8/4 - \$2755

8/11 - \$4622

8/18 - \$947

8/25 - \$1112

Average giving for August: \$2359. We received a donation of \$75 for St.

Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearinghouse, so for August we sent \$40.

**Dates to Remember:**

September 2: Labor Day

September 15: Donut Sunday

September 21: Fishing Contest

September 29: Hymn Choice Sunday

**Farmers Fair Parking**

Start watching for the sign-up sheet for parking cars at Consolidated and selling coffee, donuts, and chairs for the parade for Aurora Farmers Fair. We'll need all the help we can get to help. This is our church's largest fundraiser, and any and all help will be appreciated! After deliberation and discussion, we have decided that it's time to raise our parking price to \$5. It's still a fair price (no pun intended)!

**Upcoming Birthdays &****Anniversaries:**

Shelly Hubbartt 9/19

Robin & Joan Hochstrasser 9/24

Monica Turner 9/25

**Cleaning Teams:**

**Who keeps our church neat and clean for us? The following people are on our cleaning teams: Roger and Debbie Fehling, Janet and Steve Hart, David and Judy Hizer, Louann and Danny Martin, Judy Mosier, Gary Starker, and Jim Waldon. Thanks to these faithful volunteers! We would always welcome more help!**

September 1 & 8: Team 3

September 15 & 22: Team 1

September 29 & October 6

Cleaning teams save our church money! Anyone interested in being on a cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

**Charge Conference**

Save the date: Our Charge Conference will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 P.M. at Madison Trinity UMC in Madison, Indiana.

## **Fishing Contest**

Join us for a friendly UMC fishing contest on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 A.M. at Mrs. Beth Baylor's pond. We'll compete against friends at Community, St. Paul, and Hamline UMCs. A pitch-in lunch will follow at Community UMC.

## **September Liturgists:**

September 1: Gary Starker  
September 8: Monica Turner  
September 15: Steve Turner  
September 22: Bonnie Nocks  
September 29: Kelley Davis

## **September Ushers & Greeters:**

September 1: Julie Whitaker and  
Bonnie Nocks  
September 8: Danny and Louann  
Martin  
September 15: Rob Moorhead &  
Kenn Moasio  
September 22: Sue & Jeff Baer  
September 29: Kathi Prarat and  
Janet Hart

*Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if you would like to help out as a liturgist, an usher, or a greeter.*

## **Lectionary for Coming Sundays**

September 1: | Song of Sol 2:8-13;  
Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72; Jas 1:17-27;  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
September 8: Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;  
Ps 125 or Ps 124;

Jas 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark  
7:24-37 September 15: Prov 1:20-33;  
Ps 19;

Jas 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38  
September 22: |Prov 31:10-31; Ps 1;  
Jas 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37  
September 29: Esth 7:1-6, 9-10: 9:20-  
22;  
Ps 124 (UMH 846); Jas 5:13-20;  
Mark 9:38-50

## **Prayer List - Our list of family and friends:**

Steven-cataract surgery  
(Monica), Monica-heart appt.  
(Monica), travel mercy for Cottons  
(Verna), Peggy Lutz-surgery (Judy  
H.), Amy Renner-grieving (Verna),  
E.G.White-grieving (Judy M.),  
Randy Turner-recovery from accident  
(Stephen), Aaron Baer-kidney stones  
(Jeff), Josh Richey's father-tumor  
(Roger), Ray Benham-back (Steve),  
Kris Fairfield-bike wreck (Debbie),  
Pastor Ryan-COVID (All of us),  
Robin & Joan's son had a stroke-in  
ICU, Eli Terrill-surgery  
(Becky), Adel from Lebanon (Susan),  
John & Shelly Hubbartt (All of  
us), Peggy Hubbard-back surgery  
(Judy H.), Barbara & Jim Scott-  
health issues (Susan), Kenny Turner -



knee replacement and a fall afterwards (Steve T.), Joan Hochstrasser-health issues (Robin), Cari's cousin Ben & family (Cari), Bella transferred to Vanderbilt (Jenna), Eddie Oliver - health issues (Susan), Charlie White-liver transplant (Roger & Janet), Jim's sister Bonnie (Jim W.), Griffin Davis (Janet), Dolf Garbsch (Hudson), Norman Ellis (Cari), Kelsey-ankle surgery (Jeff), Jeff Baer's Aunt Nancy recovering from a fall (Jeff), Dale Armbruster (Janet H.), Baers' friend (Jeff), Lolly Tucker & Sharon Fisher (Cari), Jerry Schmidt (Kelley), Bonnie's sister Missy (Bonnie)

**Our cancer prayer list of friends and families:** Lona (Kenn), Nick Thomas (Stephanie), Steve Ochs-brain cancer (Steve H.), Leslie Cassidy-cancer in 3 areas (Bonnie), Peggy breast cancer (Kelly), Amy Shackelford (Julie), Katie Ellis-hospice (Cari), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelly), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Jay Beyer (Roger), Tim McClammroch-melanoma (Judy M.), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch" Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Mitch Plemens (Cari), Josh & Sis (Cari), Missy (Bonnie), Stephanie Riley (Gary),

Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Brandon Cox (Cari)

**Sympathy to the families of:**

Darrell Gentry, Michael Renner, Stacy McCabe, Dan Shuman, Chris McHenry, Michael Dilts, Patty Helton

**Praises:** 98 meals served at High Hope-Hamline chapel (All of us), \$500.00 Camp Challenge for 18 churches in SE District (Our congregation), Kara leading Bible Quiz team Asa, Ellie, and 5th-12th graders (Pastor Ryan), USA Olympic athletes (Bonnie), Aurora UMC donating \$650.00 to Cop's and Kid's program (ALL of us), Jim & Joe sharing their musical talent with us (Charlotte), Monica's mother-Ginny-is home from the hospital (Monica), Love & support of family (Judy M.), United Methodists welcoming Bishop Tracy Malone to our Indiana Conference, Church folks helping each other (Kelly), Baby Gretta home from hospital (Debbie), Baylor Trucking transporting RSV vaccine throughout North America & Canada (Cari), 98 meals served at High Hope

**Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living:** Donna Dean, Doris Spencer, Shirley Meyer, Marie Hizer, JD Largent

**Shut Ins:**

Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

**Special Care & Concerns:** Gun violence around the world; all who are suffering after natural disasters. For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers

**Local Missions:** AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

**United Methodist Missions:**

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission

**Prayers for our Nation as COVID continues, racial tensions, Christian Unity, our United Methodist Church, Prayers for our cities, for our counties, our state, our police, our firefighters, EMTs, all military men and women and their families, all healthcare workers, first responders, chaplains, missionaries, clergy, persons in financial distress, businesses needing employees**

**WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PRAYER.** To help us keep our lists current, if you see a name that can be removed, PLEASE let us

know. If you would like to add a name, please let us know.

If you know of a change, have a concern, or a praise and would like to add a name, you can call the church with the information, mail a note, email Pastor Ryan ([ryangoode1@gmail.com](mailto:ryangoode1@gmail.com)); Judy Mosier ([kimosier@comcast.net](mailto:kimosier@comcast.net)); or Jim Waldon ([jimgwaldon@gmail.com](mailto:jimgwaldon@gmail.com))

When submitting a prayer request please include the following information—

**\*\* Your Name (required), \*\* Name of the one needing prayer (*be sure you have their permission to make their need known*), \*\*Nature of Request (surgery, health concern, etc.)**

