Lent started on Ash Wednesday, February 21st with our gathering meal and service. On the remaining Wednesdays, until Holy Week, we will have a light meal at 5:30 pm (these meals prepared and served by organizations of the Church), then Lenten Devotions, based on the symbols of the Passion of our Lord, at 6:00 pm, concluding at 6:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday:
Service with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

Good Friday:
Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm
A NOTE FROM A GRATEFUL LADY. . .Rev. Crismon and Carolers: Just a few lines to tell you how much I appreciated the caroling. I enjoyed meeting new people and also seeing people I hadn’t seen for quite a while. I was glad to see the Confirmands so interested in church activities. The poinsettia was beautiful and was enjoyed by the Residents, and I left it in the lobby for everyone. Rosie Ketchum, our manager, had her family that day. They sang along with the carolers. A sister, Dora, was there from the Nursing Home. All in all you made a lot of people happy. Thanks again for remembering. God bless you all.—Betty Brown (Thank you, Betty, for your note that makes us feel real good).

OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE . . .to the Church Council Members and Board of Christian Education Members who completed their service in 2006. You served well, and you have helped St. John’s continue its walk with God into the future. Well done!

ADDRESS CHANGES—

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Indianapolis, IN 46208

Martha Forrest
1651 N. Banta Road
Bargersville, IN 46106

FINANCES – January 2007

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Easter Flowers
Lilies and Chrysanthemums

It’s time to order your Easter flowers. The flowers will be delivered on Holy Saturday, to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter Morning. Price for the flowers $8.00 is each. We have ordered lilies and mums. Please complete the order form below as soon as possible to reserve your plant(s). Please make sure to include your payment with your order. Make your checks payable to St. John’s U.C.C.

Deadline for orders will be March 15th

Purchaser’s Name: _________________________________

Phone No. _________________________________

In Memory Of: _________________________________

In Honor Of: _________________________________

Plant Order: Lilies: _______ Mums: __________
Please check selection (s)

Amount enclosed with order: $ __________
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QUESTIONS ABOUT PLAY DUE TO WEATHER? CALL BOB KLEEMAN 885-7488
World Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 2, 2007 held at University Heights United Methodist Church. The address is 4002 Otterbein, Indianapolis, IN, at the corner of Hanna Ave. & Otterbein, which is across from The University of Indianapolis. Social Hour begins at 9:00 am and the Service is at 10:00 am. Child Care will be provided. All men and women are invited to attend.
Let us have a good attendance from St. John’s.

Last month’s Confirmation picture was from 1946—
Mary Stewart was the one who correctly identified all by one—
They were Top Row: Rosemary Quinn Thomas, Carl Tiellking, Richard Gayde, George Bauer and Juliana Davis, Front Row: Betty Summer, Doris Barnhart Dobbs, Rev. Ernst Piepenbrok, Mary Kleine Stewart and Kathryn Dampier. Way to go Mary!

Let’s try this one:
Notes from the Council...  

The new Council met for its first session of 2007 with great optimism. Bob Kleeman, chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee, shared the committee’s progress with us. A bulletin board will be purchased and placed in a prominent location so that items of interest from the Conference, the wider church and our sister churches can be displayed.

Treasurer Rosemary Thomas reported a good financial start for the new year. Pastor Don shared the Lenten Service schedule. It is the Council’s hope that moving these services from Sunday evening to Wednesday evening will enable more people to attend.

The organ committee recommended that we purchase the Allen organ that many of you were able to see and hear. We are a little short of our financial goal at this time, but we have faith that our goal will be reached by Easter.

We continue to make plans to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project in September with many of our sister UCC congregations. This is an opportunity for all of us, regardless of age or skill level, to work together for a very worthwhile cause.

Remember to share your concerns with any Council member, so that we can continue to strengthen our bond as a congregation and to reach out to our community in Christian love.

Louise Plummer,
Council President

Dorcas Circle News...  

Continuing through March the Dorcas Circle will be collecting items for health kits to be distributed by Church World Service.

We have pledged to give 100 hand towels and 100 bath size bars of soap. The towels are to be hand size (no kitchen towels or fringed quest size). The bars of soap are to be individually packaged bath size, between 4 and 7.5 oz.

We are inviting the members of the congregation to share in this collection. There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for you to deposit your gifts.

If you have further questions, please call Doris Dobbs at 888-0369. The Circle would appreciate any help that the congregation can give to make this project a success.
Anna Baron
By: Richard Schnepf

Rev. Howard Beer
By: Mike Kauffman & Scott Casalino
Bob & Marjorie Wagoner

Rob Joostberns
By: Norma & Wayne Fields

Flossie Kasowski
By: Bob & Marjorie Wagoner

Emma & Mathew Marbach
By: Vi Hauser

Joe Potter
By: Mike Kauffman & Scott Casalino
Vi Hauser

W.H. Reed
By: Mike Kauffman & Scott Casalino
Easter Egg Hunt
&
Carnival
Saturday, April 7th
9:30 am – 11:30 am
St. John’s UCC

Volunteers & Donations Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.

On Saturday, April 7th we need approximately 50-60 volunteers to help make this year’s Easter Egg Hunt a success. We need volunteers for the pretzel station, craft stations, games stations, Story time, supervising the children during the hunts, a few photographers, and an Easter Bunny assistant. Please see Mindy or visit the table in the back of the Sanctuary on March 4th & 11th for the sign up sheets.

On March 4th the empty plastic eggs and a list of donations needed will be in the back of the Sanctuary. We will be accepting those donations for the Easter Egg Hunt beginning March 11th. You can drop off donations in the boxes that will be outside of Mindy’s office.

St. John’s
Sunday School Children and Youth

On April 1st, Palm Sunday the Sunday school children and youth will be bringing in the palm branches and singing for the worship services. We need everyone to meet in the Knack Room 15 minutes before the service to get their palm branches.
Here are some facts that you will need to know about summer camps.

St. John’s will pay half of the cost of the early registration fee.

If you are planning on attending a camp, you need to register as soon as possible. Some camps fill up quickly and you need to reserve your spot by sending in your application with your registration fee.

Please let Mindy Dwyer know which camp you have signed up for so we can keep in touch with you through prayer and cards.

A $25 deposit must accompany registrations for all camps in order to hold your spot until May 15th. Reservations are not guaranteed until the full payment is received. Make checks payable to: Merom Conference Center.

Only one registration per envelope will be accepted unless the registrations are from the same family and are for the same camp.

Campers under age 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian.

Camp fees must be postmarked AND paid in full before May 15th. Remember St. John’s will pay half the cost of the early registration fee. Let Mindy know which camp you are going to so you won’t miss the deadline!

A camp will be cancelled if adequate leadership is not available, or if minimum registration is not met.

Cancellations received more than three weeks before the first day of the event will be eligible for a refund of the actual registration fee paid, less the $25 deposit. Cancellations received less than three weeks before the first day of the event will be eligible for a refund of 75% of the total registration fee. Beginning the first day of the event, no refund will be given.

Camps Available at Merom

Young Disciples -B- June 11-16
All Ages II June 24-30
Grades 3-4-5 July 1-4
Tri-Level July 8-14
All Ages I and II July 15-21
Faith Journeys July 23-28
Back Stage Pass July 25-29
Creative Spirit Camp July 29-August 4
“Just You and Me Kid” August 1-4
Common Ground August 8-12
Family Camp –B- August 31-Sept. 3

-B- = Barbee Christian Camp

Please see Mindy for a brochure and visit the Camp bulletin board for detailed information about the camps.

Jr. Youth Group

Youth grades 4th, 5th, & 6th are invited to Jr. Youth Group on March 11th time TBA. Please contact Mindy if you have any questions. Also the Jr. Youth grades 4th, 5th, & 6th are invited to help with the Lenten Dinner on March 28th. Please see the list of supplies needed and arrive by 4:00 pm.
Thanks to all of the teachers who serve during Sunday school. Thanks for all of your dedication keep up the good work. I am pleased to announce Art Miner as our teacher of the month in March. Art teaches the High School Class every Sunday. Many thanks for his dedication to the youth of St. John's UCC.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!
We have classes for all ages beginning with preschool through adults. Come and find the right class for you. Classes start at 9:00 am. Donuts and coffee are served in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School. Please come and grow in the knowledge and understanding of the word. Here are some of the new classes beginning.

- Jesus Authentic Leader taught by Carolyn Hayes
- Revelations taught by Pastor John Krueger
- The Beatitudes for Today taught by Matt Good at 4:15 pm on Sunday evenings.

March 11th  Youth Group 6:30-7:30 pm
March 25th  Youth Group 6:30-7:30 pm
March 28th  Youth Group Lenten Dinner
           (Please be there by 4:00 pm.)

Supplies Needed for the Baked Potato Bar
- Potatoes
- Shredded Cheese
- Velveeta Cheese
- Chopped Onions
- Broccoli
- Sour Cream
- Butter
- Bacon Bits
- Salsa
- Foil
- Desserts
- Lemonade
- Tea

(Please contact Laura & Steve Squires or Mindy if your family can provide something on the above list.)