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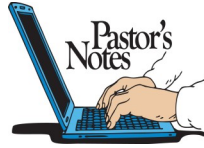
9 a.m.— Noon

Others hours by appointment.

Cyndy McMillan:

Wednesday - 3-6 p.m.

Friday's - 4-6 p.m.



Dear Friends:

We are all waiting patiently for the full arrival of Spring. The calendar says it spring, our flowers are blooming, the grass is growing and asking to be mowed. Some of you have already mowed at least once. We welcome our friends who have been away from us for the winter in Florida. You are missed when you are away! We have the opportunity to keep up with your travels and activity for those of us who follow you on Facebook {Likewise, you are able to keep up with us.} It's almost like having you here with us, except you are enjoying the weather we long for and continue to long for. It seems we will have to wait a bit longer for Spring to actually arrive.

Yet thankfully, God still provided us with a beautiful Easter and reminded us that he always has the final word. Our Christian journey reminds us that when we make the decision to follow Christ that death and sin are overcome by Jesus' death on the cross, victory over death and showing us the promise of eternal life that can be lived through him. Eternal life, though doesn't begin at our death. Rather, it begins the moment that we say "yes" to Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. Jesus begins the work of transforming us from sin and death in this life to helping us become the person he wants us to be as Christians in our current state. We don't have to die to begin enjoying the hope of eternal life.

So while we wait for the spring that waits to be, let us enjoy our life in Christ, for his work is finished at the cross and grave and we can begin enjoying life today as transformed brothers and sisters in Christ.

God's Grace and Peace:

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Pastor Cindy Osgood





To get all the latest information on Van Buren's 2016 Vacation Bible School go to this website:

<https://vbsmate.com/vanburencommunity>

You can sign up your child {ren} and/or grandchildren as well as sign up to volunteer for VBS on this site.

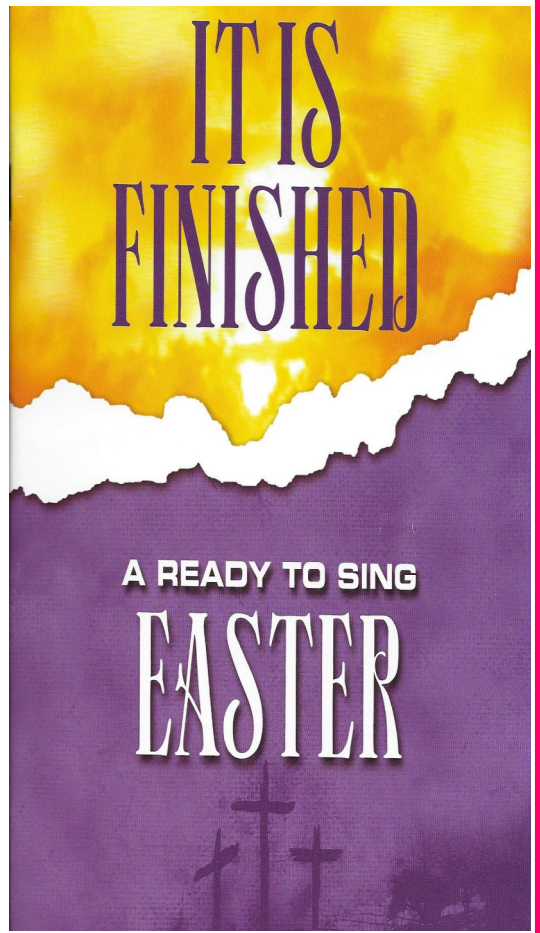
Come join us at the Barnyard Round-up and learn about Jesus.



June 9-11, 2016

Pastor Cindy and Holly Kerschner will be representing VBUMC at the 2016 Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana June 9-11. We will look forward to hearing a report upon your return.

Thank you Holly for saying "yes" to being our Lay Conference delegate from Van Buren.



Thanks to our choir; our church music staff: Jon Douglas, Jackie Duggan, Pat Stanley; Soloists: Warren Brose; Dave Ferguson; Karen Sue Stevens -Shane; Amber Bennett Stanley, and Linda Taylor for their hard work on our Spring Choir Cantata. We are so blessed with such a great music program in our church!

Schedule for April 2016

April 13, 20, 27 {Wednesdays}: Not Home Alone—3-4:00 p.m.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 {Thursdays}: Bible Study, Church Lounge - 7:00 p.m.

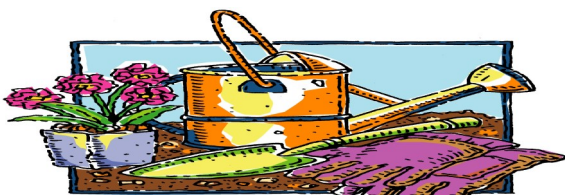
Wednesday, April 13 —UMW at VBUMC—Fellowship Hall—7:00 p.m.
Garden Party with Jeanette Spratt and Charlene Powell, Master Gardener's

Monday, April 18—Outreach Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. CL

Tuesday, April 19 —J.O.Y. Club—12 Noon: Van Buren UMC
Fellowship Hall; VBS Planning Meeting—7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 20- Administrative Council—7:00 p.m.—FH

Wednesday, April 27—Last NOT HOME ALONE Session—3-4 p.m.



Van Buren UMW will be having a Garden Party on Wednesday, April 13—7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Ladies of Center Chapel UMC will be our guests. Karen Smith and Marilou Diamond are our hostesses for the evening. We will have Jeanette Spratt and Charlene Powell with us for program. Jeanette and Charlene are both Master Gardener's. We hope you will join us for our garden party



Our Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! We hid 1472 eggs at Van Buren North Elementary on Saturday, March 26. We had 62 children come to hunt for 23 eggs each. It took about 30 minutes to find all the eggs. Thanks to everyone who helped buy candy and eggs, helped fill and count eggs, hide eggs and help with traffic control. The children and their parents were all very grateful for our providing the Easter Egg Hunt. We had such great weather that day as well.