

### Worship Participants

**Usher**

**McGee Family**

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Tom & Perk Lergen**

**February 3**

**Liturgist**

**Jackie Kuhr**

**February 10**

**Liturgist**

**Andy Spiegel**

**February 17**

**Liturgist**

**Tom Lergen**

**February 24**

**Liturgist**

**Confirmation Class**

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**Interim Pastor**

**Rev. Portia Iverson**



**Ordination and  
Installation of Elders**

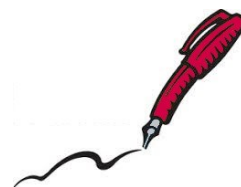
**Sunday**

**February 10**

### *From the Interim Pastor*

#### **Are We a Curious Church?**

This month I want to share some thoughts with you from a fascinating article I read by Cynthia Woolever in The Parish Paper titled “Could Lack of Curiosity Kill the Church?”



First, **What is Curiosity?** The author quotes Ian Leslie’s description of what he calls disciplined curiosity seen in creative adults as “a deeper...more mature curiosity...curious adults possess a strong desire for knowledge and understanding, which motivates them to learn new ideas. They relish problem solving...[they] exhibit great interest in the thoughts and feelings of other people.”

Second, **What are the Traits of a Curious Congregation?** I continue to quote from Cynthia Woolever: “*A curious congregation is never satisfied with the status quo.* While some churches get stuck in their misconceptions, curious churches focus on what is unfolding before them. They are the first to recognize that God is at work and see their holy ministry partnership in the church and community.”

“*Curious leaders are less concerned about rules and appearances than with what works.*” As you look at what works in the days ahead, will interest grow in creating a “Contemporary Saturday Night Satellite Service” – beamed into the sanctuary from a host church whose theology and faith is compatible with ours? How will you reach an audience that wants to fit worship into their busy lives; that desires a praise music experience like that from their favorite radio contemporary music channel?

“*Truly curious churches experience frustration at their information gaps and that fuels a desire to learn more.* A real curiosity requires considerable effort and time. We’ve got folks here that are willing to put in the work.

“*Curious congregations demonstrate empathic curiosity.*” They respect feelings and place a high value on being a caring community...empathically curious churches project positive impressions to the community.” The welcome extended to newcomers; the outreach to the schools and the community through the Food Pantry and Youth Club are just some of the ways you do this so well.

“*Curious congregations develop skills in turning puzzles into mysteries.* The curious church realizes that there are many things we cannot know. They work...to make continuous, and constantly changing, improvements instead of singular improvements for the short term.”

“*Finally, curious congregations are willing to make choices.* Fear and anxiety kill curiosity and keep churches locked in place. Curiosity [about how can we fix this] can be more powerful than courage in the face of obstacles. Organizations that are fascinated by what they don’t yet know are the least likely to be caught off guard by change.”

## ***Interim Pastor's article continued***

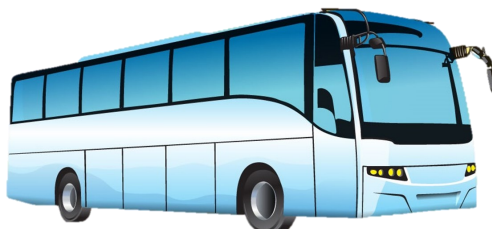
Finally, here are **Some Curious Questions** a curious congregation can ask. How will you respond?

- What congregational activities and programs are going well? Why is that the case? What activities and programs do we wish were more effective? Why are they less effective?
- Thinking about your current and previous pastors, what leadership approach seemed to fit your church best? Why do you think that approach was most effective at that time?
- What are the congregation's core values that help explain members' motivations and behaviors? What process is the church using to examine and transform desired values into core values?
- Is our congregation a neighborhood church where most worshippers live nearby or does it draw from a wider area? How does our location determine our mission? Do we believe we are called to a particular mission because of our location?
- If our church leaders could travel back in time to twenty years ago, what message would they deliver to those in our congregation? Would those earlier members listen and act on that message? Why not? What do you suppose church leaders twenty years hence might want to share with us?
- Will the passage of time expand or contract our church's attractive options? Why?

Food for thought-something to think about on these long cold winter nights!

With joy in being your transitional pastor,

***Pastor Portia***



### ***Bus Tour***

United Trinity Church has asked Neihart Tours in Braddyville to organize a short bus trip to the Creation Museum and the reproduction of the Ark in Kentucky. We will leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot in Maryville, Missouri, on Monday, July 29, 2019 and return to Maryville on Thursday, August 1.

There are still spaces available for the tour. We have enclosed a flyer for your information. Seating and space will be first come, first served. There are 50 seats available. The prices are listed, \$488.00 each, based on double occupancy. If you have any question, please contact Janet Neihart directly.

# NEIHART TOURS & TRAVEL

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## JULY 29-AUGUST 1/2019 THE CREATION MUSEUM & THE ARK

**July 29/2019 Monday** Departs Maryville Missouri 8am

Stop made every 2 hours for breaks and lunch

### overnight Mt. Vernon Il Drury Inn

Elevator, inside corridors, indoor pool, evening meal with beverages (alcohol & non-alcohol) , popcorn & snacks 5:30-7pm included all nonsmoking

**July 30/2019 Tuesday** Deluxe breakfast buffet included Departs 7am

Stop made every 2 hours for breaks and lunch

Arrive CREATION MUSEUM Appx 2pm Petersburg KY. admission price included...evening meal included at the Museum.

Departs 7pm driving to our hotel ....checking in appx 8pm

### overnight Dry Ridge KY Hampton Inn

Elevator, inside corridors, indoor pool, restaurants close all nonsmoking

**July 31/2019 Wednesday** Deluxe Breakfast buffet included Departs 8:15am

Arriving at the Ark by 8:30am...Admission & lunch buffet included DEPART 2 :15pm

### overnights Mt. Vernon Il Drury Inn

Elevator, inside corridors, indoor pool, nonsmoking, evening meal with beverages (alcohol & non-alcohol) , popcorn & snacks 5:30-7pm (included if we arrive before 7pm)

**August 1/2019 Thursday** Deluxe Breakfast buffet included Departs 8am

Stop made every 2 hours for breaks and lunch APPX return time to Maryville 5pm

You may have One suitcase per person Weigh less then 40 pounds. Have your Name on it. A small carry on. Everyone handles their own luggage. PACK LITE! bring comfortable walking shoes. Both the Creation & the Ark are walking...

ALL PERSONS 18 AND UNDER WILL NEED TO SHARE A ROOM WITH PARENT or guardian. We are not licensed or insured to take school groups with chaperones. We can take young people with parents or grandparents ( they need to have full responsibility for any one under age 18. Some of the hotels say under 21 they need an adult with them. Your group may have 50 seats for this tour. When you sign up we need to know the ages, anyone over 60 gets \$10 off the price... anyone between 13-17 yrs gets \$20 off the price. ages 18-59 is the regular price listed.

**PRICE PER PERSON** DOUBLE OCC...2 people in a room \$488

SINGLE OCC. 1 person in a room \$665 TRIPLE OCC. 3 people in a room \$430

QUAD OCC. 4 people in a room \$401 2 BEDS IN EACH ROOM

\$50 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR SPACE DUE BY JANUARY 15/2019

BALANCE DUE JUNE 15/2019 includes 3 nights hotels, motorcoach Transportation

You can leave your car in the Maryville Parking lot on the N.W. corner of lot by BK

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW BY APRIL 1

# February Announcements

Soup



Lunch

Sunday, February 24th following the Worship Service. Please make plans now to join us for good food and fellowship! Free will offering for the Confirmation Class trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Replica.



**Youth Club**  
Wednesdays at 5 pm  
Join us and bring your friends for a great time of Bible Stories, crafts, music and a delicious meal each week! For questions or to volunteer please contact Kelly Peters at 402-659-3862. Please take notice of our donation board in the entry way. Your donations are appreciated.



**Food Pantry Dates at The ☩ Center**  
Feb 14th and Feb 28th



**BOARD MEETING**

February 13th  
7:30 pm  
at the Church

**Choir**

Practice  
Wednesdays  
at 7:30 pm



10:30 am  
1st and 3rd Sunday  
each month.



Confirmation Classes  
Wednesdays,  
at 6:15pm to 7:15 pm  
For questions contact



**Women's Fellowship**  
2nd Thursday of each month. Join us for a salad lunch at noon and meeting afterward.  
*Please bring an item to add to the lettuce salad.*





**Inter Church Council**  
Soup suppers  
Wednesdays at 5 pm  
February 27th will be the last night



**Inter Church Council**  
The next meeting will be March 25th at 6:30 pm at The ☩ Center  
If you have any questions contact JoAnn Clark or Barb Lamb.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	4	5	6 Youth Club 5 pm *Soup Supper 5 pm Confirmation 6:15 Choir 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Worship & Communion Ordination & Installation of elders. 10:30 am	11	12	13 Youth Club 5 pm *Soup Supper 5 pm Confirmation 6:15pm Board Meets 7:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	14  Women's Fellowship salad lunch & meeting noon	15	16
17 Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	18	19	20 Youth Club 5 pm *Soup Supper 5 pm Confirmation 6:15 Choir 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:30 am Soup Lunch after Worship	25	26	27 Youth Club 5 pm *Soup Supper 5 pm Confirmation 6:15 Choir 7:30 pm	28  Food Pantry 5 pm		

\*ICC Soup Supper at The Center



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



7—Whitney Hodde

12—Jordan Hayes

26—Linda Sears

Anniversaries

9—Zach Dovel

14—Megan Chestnut

26—Jamie Moore

11—Speck & Bev Hendrickson

10—Carson Boatman

16—Laura Tobin

27—Jeff Clark

11—Stacy Rector

20—Ashley Gilbert

28—Celia Carter

11—Carol Woods

21—Claire Spiegel

29—Dave Mincer