



Good News From Gobin

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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Bryan's Beat



Sure, there are beautiful leaves and overflowing cornucopias and turkeys to carve, but here at Gobin UMC November is all about Fruit. More specifically, November is about the Fruitful Congregation's Journey. You've likely heard about the Fruitful Congregation's Journey (FCJ) since well before my arrival at Gobin. And if you've been an attender or listener of our Sunday morning worship service, you've heard about it more and more in recent weeks. In terms of the overall FCJ process, we at Gobin are somewhere right in the middle. Over the last year, we sent a group from Gobin to Martinsville First UMC every month for seven months. This was considered FCJ Step 1. This group read a LOT of books and engaged in discussion with members of other United Methodist congregations. The readings and discussions got us all thinking about the future our own church and ministry. Who was God calling us to become? And as fruitful as that experience was, this November is absolutely the most crucial period in the whole process, as we approach our FCJ Consultation Weekend.

For those who serve in leadership roles within the church, or who served as part of the FCJ Step 1 team, November 13-15 will be a very busy weekend. A consultation team appointed by our Indiana Annual Conference, along with our FCJ coach, will

travel to Greencastle for the entire weekend. Their task is clear. With their vast experience (our lead consultant is Steve Clouse, Director of Church Development for the Indiana Annual Conference), they come to Gobin to find out who we are. They will attempt to discern both our strengths and our weaknesses as a congregation. This is based not only on their hours of interviews with church members and attenders, but through reading a comprehensive (ask Denise how comprehensive!) self study document and the responses of several "mystery worshipers" who have been in our midst for the past two months.

As helpful as it may be to hear a professional, outsiders' perspective on our current ministry, what matters most is our united vision for the future. The consultation team will share with us who they believe God is calling us to be in the next season of our ministry together. They will present us with a MAP, a "ministry action plan". Once we receive the MAP, we'll have plenty of time to talk about it, including three scheduled town hall meetings. After this time, we'll hold a Church Conference, facilitated by our district superintendent, John Groves. If we vote to move forward with our MAP, we do so with the assistance of our FCJ Coach, Rev. Mark Fenstermacher. At every step of the way,

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Bryan's Beat (cont'd from pg. 1) YOU have a role to play. So take a look at the list of events below and mark your calendars. If you are passionate about Gobin Church and care deeply for her future, please attend as many of these events as you are able. And may God guide us into God's good future! Oh, and one last thing. In fact, it's the first thing. Pray. Ask God to be in over the entire process. Ask God for God's will to be done at Gobin.

~ Rev. Bryan Langdoc

FCJ Pre-Consultation Workshop—Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 7-8:30pm

Come to the sanctuary and find out what it's all about. Childcare will be available.

FCJ Workshop—Saturday, November 14th from 10:15—3pm

This is the primary FCJ workshop for all those who love Gobin Church. There will be a break for some delicious food and wonderful fellowship with your church family. I cannot overstress the importance of everyone's participation at this event. Childcare will be available.

FCJ Worship Celebration—Sunday, November 15th at 10:30am

This will be the grand conclusion of our FCJ weekend. In the context of worship, we will have opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness to Gobin through the years, while anticipating with excitement the years to come. Immediately after the service, the lead consultant will read the official consultation report with our Ministry Action Plan. Childcare will be available.

FCJ Town Hall

Please plan to attend at least one of the three town halls in the sanctuary that are listed below. This is the opportunity for the congregation to discuss the consultation report and our Ministry Action Plan. Childcare will be available for all 3 sessions.

FCJ Town Hall—Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm

FCJ Town Hall—Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm

FCJ Town Hall—December 3rd at 5:30pm

FCJ Church Conference—Sunday December 13th right after worship

This will be a time when we vote as a church whether to approve the Ministry Action Plan. Childcare will be available.

REGISTER TODAY: Lay Servant School

Saturday, November 21, 2015

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church
Registration is now open!

Go to www.inumc.org/westdistrict to sign up by November 12th.



UMC#GivingTuesday

Every day, as part of the United Methodist Connection, you activate love, transform lives, and change the world through your faithful work.

On Dec. 1, you are invited to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in [UMC #GivingTuesday](#).

Greetings UMC #GivingTuesday Supporters,

More than 800 projects and more than 300 missionaries were blessed to have the support of donors like you during the past two Christmas seasons. We thank you for your generosity.

In the coming weeks you will begin seeing more information about the upcoming UMC #GivingTuesday campaign. As a previous donor, we hope that you will join us in leading this year's movement.

You have consistently shown the world what miracles can happen when Methodist are United. And during this year's UMC 3GivingTuesday campaign on Dec. 1, you can again join other United Methodists from around the world to highlight the powerful impact that we have when we come together to change the world.

Here are a few ways to participate right now:

- **Raise awareness** within your church and community by spreading the word about UMC #GivingTuesday
- **Raise financial support** by issuing a persona match or challenge to friend and family.
- **Create a team** to provide spiritual or monetary support for a specific Advance project. A team can be a few friends or your entire congregation.

However, you decide to join in for UMC #GivingTuesday, we hope that on Dec. 1 you will again give to the Advance project of your choice.

Thank you for your past gift. We look forward to what 2015 brings, when Methodist are United and we turn our love into action!

For more information about UMC #GivingTuesday, visit www.umcmmission.org/giving-Tuesday

To give on UMC #GivingTuesday, visit www.umcmmission.org/give.

Activate Love. Transform Lives. Change the World.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/01 Vickie Anderson
- 11/04 Doretta Poynter
- 11/04 Diana VanMiddlesworth
- 11/07 Cindy Wright
- 11/07 Alia Shuck
- 11/09 David Masten
- 11/10 Heddy Scaggs
- 11/10 Nathan Grzesiek
- 11/12 Patrick Rud
- 11/15 Marilyn Gough
- 11/15 Jody Verplaetse
- 11/18 Beth Newton Watson
- 11/18 Eric Wolfe
- 11/19 Chris Buchanan
- 11/20 Rebecca Hebb
- 11/21 Caroline Jetton
- 11/21 Cheryl Selvey
- 11/22 Andrea Sweet
- 11/23 Lisa Lazar
- 11/25 Kim Shinn
- 11/27 Nadia Nasr
- 11/30 Karen Swalley

Congregational Directory Updates

1. P. Lawrence, Donald*
Removed due to death

Gobin Membership as of October 25 is 191.

Remembering these individuals by sending a card, making a phone call, visiting, or including in prayer would be appreciated.

Asbury Tower Residents: John Baughman, Dorothy Buechler, Pat & Robert Clover, Betty Dean, Dorothy Edenfield, Virginia Hanna, Suzanne Hebb, Helen Houck, Joyce Jones, John & Jane Long, Kent Mecum, and Beverly Wagoner

Autumn Glen Senior Facility: Jocie Kircher

Mill Pond Campus: Carolyn Schenk

Dick and Sally Sunkel would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards of condolence over the death of their son, Dan Sunkel.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Donald Lawrence. Don passed away on October 4, 2015.

Ross Davies will be the Trustee of the month for November

Position	November 1	November 8	Novem.15	Novem. 22	Novem. 29
Ushers	Barbara Jackson Doretta Poynter Leland Zellers Jean Zellers	Matt Cummings Danielle Cummings Denise Thede Fran Allen	Ernie Rush Ann Howard Marilyn Culler Barbara Rice	Ross Davies Beth N. Watson Janet Pinney Tanis Monday	Nettie Smithers Dan Miller Ken Gwinn Lynette Gwinn
Communion Steward	Marge Smith				
Counters	Dick Sunkel	Fran Allen	Doretta Poynter	Doretta Poynter	Sally Sunkel
Nursery Assistants	Barb Rice	Doretta Poynter	Sarah Morgan	Michael Thede	Jo Ella Burns
Children's Church	Maureen Knudsen Langdoc	Teddy Shuck	Alisa Isaacs-Bailey	Denise Thede	Maureen Knudsen Langdoc

Fellowship - Before Sunday School and After Worship

Good news. Coffee will be back in the kitchen before Sunday School classes. If anyone is willing to come in a little early to learn how to make the coffee from the new, large canisters, please see Pastor Bryan. He will take care of it for this Sunday. Also, if anyone is so inclined to make a baked good or bring a treat for those in fellowship before the Sunday School classes, just do it. Many thanks to Marilyn Culler who has faithfully and graciously provided food for this time and to Dick Shuck who has come in to make the coffee. So, the coffee pot will always be on for fellowship before Sunday School in the kitchen, and baked goods may or may not be there depending upon what you make.

More good news. Eleanor Howard will be providing snacks for fellowship this Sunday after worship. She will also have a sign-up sheet available for people to schedule a time to bring snacks for fellowship time after worship. If you enjoy and partake of this time, please be sure to sign up to help for a few Sundays. Many thanks to Fran Allen who faithfully and graciously coordinated our fellowship time for a long time.

GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES, AND HATS OH MY!!!

It's time once again to set up the Christmas tree to collect these items. We need all sizes from babies to adults. We will divide them between Head Start, the Johnson-Nichols Clinic, and Beyond Homeless. The tree will be set up outside the church office on November 19th, and the items will be distributed on the December 14th. Thank you very much for participating in this mission!!!

Joe & Rita Ferguson



Gobin Supper Group

This group meets once a month for supper with the host/hostess planning the menu. We have a short Scripture, some reading, and the sharing of faith at the end of the meal. We all enjoy this small group time. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Carolyn Houck at 653-4014.



NUMBERS CHECK for SEPTEMBER

September Receipts:	\$13,243.37	
September Disbursements:	\$12,320.06	
Year to Date Receipts as of 9/30/15		\$ 149,012.75
Year to Date Disbursements as of 9/30/15		\$ <u>127,705.58</u>
Change in Net Assets		\$ 21,307.17
August Average Attendance:	107	



GOBIN ACTIVITIES

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Sun Sch 10:30 Worship 12pm Pitch-In 5 Bells Reh. 6 Charge.Conf 6-8 Seekers</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7pm Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>4 8:30am</p> <p>A Service of Morning Prayer</p> <p>7-8:30pm FCJ Pre- Consultation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Office Staffing</p> <p>7pm Gobin Choir Rehearsal in sanc.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8-12 Work Day 12-1:15 Trustees Mtg</p>
<p>8 9am Coffee 9:30 Sun. Schl 10:30 Worship Admin Council Mtg to Follow 5pm Bells Reh 6-8 Seekers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Circles of Hope</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7pm Dis. Bib St</p>	<p>11 8:30am</p> <p>A Service of Morning Prayer in Peace Chapel</p> <p>7:00pm Genesis Mtg in Colonnade Rm.</p>	<p>12 9:30 UMW Bd Mtg 10am Office Staffing 1:30pm Bethel Circle 7:00pm Gobin Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>7-8:30pm FCJ Focus Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:15-3:00pm FCJ Consultation in Sanctuary</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Coffee 9:30 Sun. Schl 10:30 Worship 3-5 Pray Shawl 5pm Bells Reh 6-8 Seekers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30pm Staff Parish Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7pm Dis. Bib St</p> <p>7:00pm FCJ Town Hall</p>	<p>18 8:30am</p> <p>A Service of Morning Prayer 9:30-2:30pm Sewing Bee 7:30pm Mendenhall Lec.</p>	<p>19 10:30am</p> <p>Special Chapel Svc with Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes</p> <p>1:30m UMW Aldersgate Circle 7pm Gobin Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8am-6pm Lay Servant School at Gobin</p>
<p>22 9am Coffee 9:30 Sun. Schl 10:30 Worship 3-5 Prayer Shawl Ministry 5pm Bells Reh 6-8 Seekers</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00pm Missions Mtg.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 Fellowship at Putnam Inn 7pm Dis. Bib St</p>	<p>25 8:30am</p> <p>A Service of Morning Prayer in Peace Chapel</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>Denise Vacation Day</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Coffee 9:30 Sun. Schl 10:30 Worship 5pm Bells Reh 6-8 Seekers</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm FCJ Town Hall</p>					

ACTIVITIES AT GOBIN

November 2015

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15	16 2:30-5:30pm RIC 4:00 pm TOPS	17 9am-12pm Tot's Time 2:30-5:30pm RIC 4-6pm Exalt! in sanc 4:30pm Daydream Believers rehearsal 5:30-8:30 Children & Divorce; Parents	18 2:30-5:30pm RIC	19 2:30-5:30pm RIC 4-6pm Exalt! in sanc 5-9pm Dinali Festival in Colonnade Rm Meal at 6pm	20	21 8:00 pm AA mtg
22	23 4-8pm Intercultural Life Thanksgiving Meal in Colonnade Room from 6-7pm 4:00 pm TOPS	24 9am-12pm Tot's Time 4:30pm Daydream Believers rehearsal	25	26	27	28 8:00 pm AA mtg
29	30 2:30-5:30pm RIC 4:00 pm TOPS					

Cookie Sale is Coming

The **24th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** is just a month away! This year's sale will take place on **Saturday, December 5th** from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (come early; word has spread and the cookies go fast!). Come to the Colonnade Room (basement) of Gobin Church to select from a wide variety of home-made Christmas cookies. Two sizes of containers will be available for you to purchase and fill: small, \$5; and large, \$11. The proceeds will be used for the Getting Ahead, Talks, and the Gobin Kitchen Fund.

We need your help! All UMW members please bake at least 10 dozen cookies. Other members and friends that can contribute, we ask that you bake at least 3 dozen cookies if possible. Cookies should be small to medium in size so they fit in the cans easily. Baked goods can be dropped off during the day on Friday, December 4th by 4:00 p.m. in the Colonnade Room. Thank you so much for your help, and we trust that this year's sale will be as great a success as it has been in the past. Contact Gayle Hansen at 653-2351 with any questions.

Attention UMW Reading Program Participants:

You may turn in your list of books and categories you have read for 2015 any time now. You may email the list to me or give it to me. I need them by Dec 31, 2015. You still have time to read 5 books, (i.e. one in each category)

Many new books will be added to our library in January for 2016.



Lessons From Fatima

I am extremely grateful that the Staff Parish Relations Team (SPRT) recently set one of my four main priorities for the year as "personal and spiritual growth." In other words, my own spiritual health is more than something I'm asked to tend to "on my own time." Rather, it's what Gobin Church expects of its pastor. The SPRT, as representatives of the congregation, sees my own spiritual growth as central to my ability to lead this spiritual community in the days to come.

In response to this discussion, I have recently begun a new adventure. Every week I travel to Our Lady Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis to meet with a spiritual director. Together, we are working through the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), founder of the Jesuit order. The Exercises were originally designed as a 30-day silent retreat. As this sort of commitment is not realistic for most people, a number of scholars, theologians, and spiritual directors have made attempts to adapt the materials for "real life." Along with my director, I am guided in prayer by author and Jesuit priest Kevin O'Brien, as I participate in the Spiritual Exercises in daily life.

In the future, I hope to share some pieces of my experience. For now, I ask that you would join me in prayer throughout this adventure. Pray that I'll grow closer to God. Pray that I'll fight off distractions and fight for the time needed to pray. Finally, pray for our beloved church, as I do. Let us join together in this prayer, as we seek to live out God's good future for us all.

Peace,
Pastor Bryan

An Exciting Week for the Higher Education Program at the Indiana Women's Prison

The college program at the Indiana Women's Prison, which is part of the Transformer Program at Gobin, has gotten off to a good start this fall. We have 28 students taking college classes, 12 enrolled in pre-college classes and 5 in post-college classes. Earlier this month some of our students received unusual recognition, first by a scholarly association, and second, by the Indiana General Assembly.

On Oct. 9, two of our students were given the George C. Roberts Award for the best paper published in the previous year's *Journal of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences*.

In 2014, Michelle Jones and Lori Record had published an article entitled "Magdalene Laundries: The First Prisons for Women in the United States" in the *Journal*. Their article challenges the long-held idea that the Indiana Women's Prison, founded in 1873, was the first prison for women in the nation. Instead, Michelle and Lori, maintain that Catholic institutions known as Homes of the Good Shepherd or "Magdalene Laundries" were in fact prisons for women and that they pre-date the Indiana Women's Prison by 30 years. They based their research on primary sources, including news articles, early state statutes that explicitly authorize that convicted women be sentenced to these institutions, census records that record the presence of prisoners in the institutions, as well as their own analysis of what constitutes a prison.

On the same day that the students received their award Senator Michael Young made what we think was an unprecedented request for two of our students to testify before his committee at the Indiana Statehouse. They did so live from the prison via videoconferencing. The committee wanted to hear about proposals they had written about how to improve re-entry by people in prison back into society.

Thus, on Oct. 14, Michelle Jones and Vanessa Thompson made history as perhaps the first people in prison in the USA to testify live before a legislative committee on an issue regarding public policy. Michelle's proposal would provide early, supervised release to selected people in prison who would work for two years in government jobs as a way of transitioning back into society and repaying the state for the opportunity to gain an education while in prison.

Vanessa's proposal is to have women at the prison spend the final two years of their sentence learning home construction and repair while in prison and helping to restore some of the 5,000 abandoned homes in Indianapolis. After release they would spend further time restoring homes, with the eventual goal of owning one through "sweat equity" and their own earnings.

Kelsey Kauffman

Member, Transformers

Volunteer director of the Higher Education Program at the Indiana Women's Prison

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We now accept online donations to the General Fund, Building Fund, quarterly missions, and some other accounts. You will receive credit for the full amount that you donate for tax purposes, but please know that the fund you donate to will NOT receive the full amount due to the charges listed above. You can make your donations to Gobin online on our website at www.gobinumc.org by clicking on "Online Giving" on the far right column of the Home Page or via text message from your smart phones and electronic devices. If texting, please text your amount to 765-253-4477 to get started.

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Celebrating Five Years!

In September, we officially celebrated our five-year anniversary! What started as a dream to help the underserved indigenous population of Guatemala has truly blossomed into something that none of us imagined, and we want to thank you for believing in us! Our first five years would not have been possible without you.

In the coming years, we hope you will continue to join us in helping to meet the basic needs of the communities of San Andrés Semetabaj in the areas of health, education and nutrition.

We look forward to the next five years as we join together to "do all the good we can!"

Goal to Reach \$2000 for Mission Guatemala

We hope to reach \$2000 by the end of December for Mission Guatemala. Children are encouraged to take home the little cardboard bus banks to put their change in for Mission Guatemala.



It was a day of celebration and fun in the community of Xepec, as teachers, parents, members of Mission Guatemala's staff, and a team from Elberton First United Methodist Church in Elberton, Georgia, all came together to celebrate the grand opening of the school's expanded and refurbished kitchen.

The kitchen expansion and renovation, which was completed thanks to the hard work of 7 mission teams, more than doubled the size of the school's kitchen. In place of the original kitchen's single stove, the new kitchen has 3 stoves, 2 of which are special, fuel efficient stoves. The new kitchen also has a central table for food preparation, with drawers and cabinets underneath for expanded and more secure storage space.

Having the new kitchen space in Xepec is especially exciting, given that for three years, Mission Guatemala has operated a daily snack program in the community of Xepec, providing a hearty and nutritious snack to the 63 students of the community's public school, Monday through Friday. The snack program, which has been generously underwritten by Johns Creek United Methodist Church in Johns Creek, Georgia, is organized in coordination with the community, with mothers from the community assisting Doña Rosa, Mission Guatemala's staff cook, in preparing the food each day.



THE LITTLE RED WAGON

Help us fill the Little Red Wagon each Sunday morning with your donations of non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry is ALWAYS in need of food.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE and Redistricting

by Ann Newton

Redistricting is a process of redrawing the voting districts of the State of Indiana. House Enrolled Act 1003 directed a committee of State Senators and Representatives (plus a few notable citizens) to (1) explore the possibility of alternatives to the present map and (2) evaluate what such changes would do to the Indiana State Constitution and whether negative consequences would follow from different approaches.

The rationale for this is the following:

IN has long had a broken system. In 2014 we had the worst voter turn out of any of the 50 states. Only 62% of us are registered to vote and only 39.4% voted in the last election.

Fewer and fewer people turn out to vote because: there is a low level of civic literacy, low trust of government, and gerrymandering. Gerrymandering assures the majority party wins an election. 40% of the last Legislature was already elected because the election was assured for the incumbent by gerrymandering, or else there was no competitive candidate. 8 counties are split to ensure election of one party. In 2014, in Indiana ½ of the House and ½ of the Senate were unopposed. That's 73 out of 150 seats that were unopposed.

Voter suppression is playing more of a role, also. Dr. Sheila Suess Kennedy of the Center for Civic Literacy at IUPUI believes that Voter ID is a tactic to discourage low income voters as it is a remedy for a non-existent problem. "Person fraud" almost never happens.

I attended the first committee meeting two weeks ago at the Statehouse. It was ably chaired by Rep. Jerry Torr from Carmel who announced this was a two year committee with a report due by Dec. 2016. They would meet one more time in Dec. and then not until the short session of the Legislature concludes in March, 2016. Members present were Sen. Lanane, Sen. Pat Miller, Beverly Gard, Tom Sugar, Sen. Brandt Hershman, Rep. Moed, Rep. Richardson, Rep. Bartlett, Ted Boehm (former Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court,) and Sheila Kennedy, Prof. of Law IUPUI. The small hearing room was packed with interested citizens.

The State Redistricting Committee will be supported by the Legislative Services Agency, a non-partisan agency which researches but makes no policy recommendations. The majority of the meeting was taken up by the LSA outlining the Federal criteria for drawing maps: 1)equal population to ensure 1 person, 1 vote: the Congressional districts have to be equal "as nearly as practicable" with 1% leeway. State and local districts must be "substantially" equal with a 10 % leeway. 2)Attention to race and ethnicity as per the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The State's criteria are the 6 common ones: 1) contiguity, 2)compactness, 3)honoring political boundaries like townships, etc , 4)communities of interest kept together,5) preserve cores of prior districts, 6) protect incumbents.

Transformers and all church members concerned about poverty need to pay attention to this process, because the majority of people who vote are middle and upper classes and this results in policies that favor the well-to-do. The Church needs to be the voice for the poor to defend food stamps, school lunches, and other safety net provisions. A film and discussion on "Gerrymandering" is coming on December 7 to Watson Forum so we can all be better educated on the subject.

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church states in its Social Principles: Political Responsibility

The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens. The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.

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Mendenhall Lecture Continues at Gobin with Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes

Her lecture titled "Justice Notes" will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 at 7:30pm in Gobin UMC. On the morning of Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 at 10:30am Rev. Dr. Townes will be preaching at a special Chapel Service in Gobin UMC. This service is a collaboration between Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church and the DePauw University Center for Spiritual Life. The title for Townes' sermon is "Songs of Zion" After the service there will be a light lunch. Both events are free and open to the public.