



OCTOBER 2019

# GOBIN NEWS

## Summer Enrichment Program Update

Thanks to your generous support, about sixty at-risk children in the Summer Enrichment Program had an exciting time. We had superb leadership as Misti Scott and Jenny Heithaus returned as executive director and education director, respectively. Jill Nichols, our new assistant education director, coordinated transportation, contacted parents and guardians, and made baked goods. Counselors Ruth Heithaus, Brody Watson, Kate Hershberger and Gracie White were paired with mentors Sarah Heithaus, Tiana Shrewsbury, Evan Harris and Rainey Birge into four teams to supervise a dozen children each. Daily attendance averaged about fifty children, significantly higher than in previous years.

“Geographic Explorer” was this summer’s theme, and the children traveled the world riding virtual boats, airplanes and buses, and walking. Volunteers shared their global experiences in Morocco (Terry Noble), Costa Rica (Joe Heithaus), Ghana (Henry Malm), Uganda (Sharon Cray), and Mexico (Alex Puga). A cloth map of the world, drum circles, music, food, and crafts such as making clay huts, a quilt of Kente cloth squares, animal masks, tie dye t-shirts, and character lessons provided hands-on connections to each culture. Caroline Good also led an acting workshop.

Visiting the Indianapolis Zoo and butterfly garden was a highlight. This long-cherished dream became a reality thanks to a gift from the estate of Stephanie Hunter. Many of the children had never visited a zoo, and pre-trip activities included making dough zoo animals, a pollinator garden, and visiting the Nature Park. Education Director Jenny Heithaus noted: “We enjoyed the chance to share in one another’s company and delight in the many baby animals, including orangutans, ring tailed lemurs, giraffes and gibbons. Some children shared that they were inspired to ‘use no straw’ now that they had learned about the impacts they have. One child said ‘I can’t believe my eyes!!’ after seeing the dolphins jump into the air.”

We promote healthy bodies with breakfasts and lunches at Ridpath School and snacks during the day. The Gobin Mission Committee provided reusable tote bags for the weekend food packages sent home each Friday. The children loved showing off their new aquatic skills after their swim lessons at the Greencastle Aquatic Center. Cooperative games included making a miniature golf course and putters out of cut pvc pipe, recycled wood flooring, duct tape, and cups.

Jenny Heithaus summed up the summer: “Most importantly the campers enjoy the chance to share in friendship and align themselves with positive role models. We lead them and love them through teaching.” Your generosity made all this possible.

Sincerely,

John Schlotterbeck, Chair, SEP Board



# Attention Coffee Drinkers & Cookie Lovers

Coffee cans of all sizes are needed for the **28th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale**. Bring them to church and leave them in the church office. Make sure to put on your calendar that this year's sale will take place on **Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00pm** in the basement of Gobin. Bakers it's time to start thinking about what cookies you will want to make this year!

Any questions contact Gayle Hansen at 653-2351.

# Canoeing the Mountains

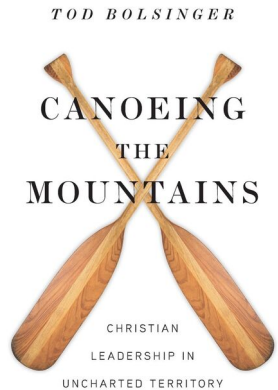
Friday, October 18, 2019

Mount Pleasant UMC, Terre Haute

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$49 per person

During this event, Tod Bolsinger will offer a combination of illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective leadership looks like in our rapidly-changing world. If you're going to scale the mountains of ministry, you need to leave behind canoes and find new navigational tools. Registration includes lunch and childcare if needed. Registration closes October 15 - <https://inumc.swoogo.com/ctm2019>



# The In Between Space

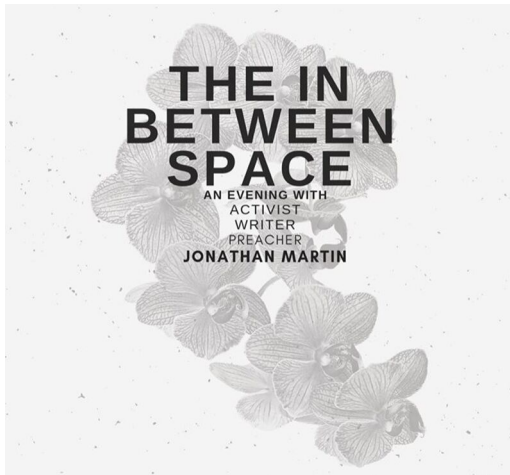
*An evening with Johnathan Martin*

Monday, October 21, 2019

Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church

7:00 - 8:30 PM

We are excited to welcome you to an evening of community conversation and discussion with Jonathan Martin. He is an Activist, Writer, and Preacher. Jonathan will be sharing regarding his work in the intersections of culture, politics, and faith.



# Lay Servant Academy (Save the Date)

Saturday, November 9, 2019

United Methodist Temple, Terre Haute

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



You are invited to join us for the Fall Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue training for living out the call to make disciples for the transformation of our churches, communities, and world. Register Here: <https://inumc.swoogo.com/we119tht>

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