

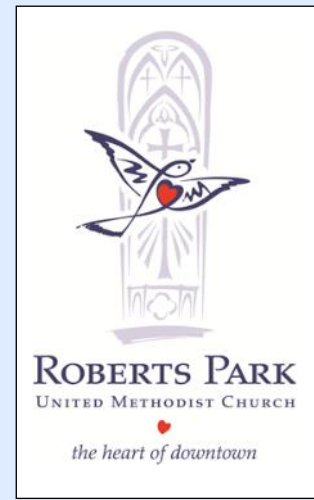


*We are the heart of downtown. Inspired by Jesus Christ, we live out our faith by serving with compassion, practicing social justice, nurturing meaningful relationships, and welcoming all who seek to experience and share Christ's Love.*

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**Help Needed!!**

The church office could use a couple of volunteers to help fold the newsletter once a month. If you would like to help us with this project, please call Rob at 317-635-1636 or e-mail him at [rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org](mailto:rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org).

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

Articles for the June newsletter are due May 18. Thank you.

**Pastor Andrew** *Continued from page 1*

and work of Jesus.

What is remarkable about Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit didn't just come once, but the same experience keeps happening to people today. Like the disciples of old, people today experience the presence of God in their lives through the Holy Spirit and become encouraged to work or speak about how God in Jesus has changed them. They often share how they have 'risked' a lot but find that they have great rewards through their faith in God.

This month will see the church having to make some bold decisions about how it intends to move forward in the future. If we do not hold a charge conference in May, then we almost certainly will in June, and there will be much to think and talk about when we meet. Like the many who have gone before, we will need to be bold in our thinking and firm in our faith as we decide on some church-changing outcomes. It is my prayer that we can meet the challenge that lies before us and like the disciples of old be open to the power of the Spirit of God in our own lives and the life of the church. Let us be bold and active in the knowledge that God is always with us through the Holy Spirit.

Shalom to you my friend,

*Pastor Andrew*

Income Statement for Roberts Park February 2018 YTD (accrual basis)	
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	44,738
Parking Income	15,143
Other	1,094
Daycare Revenue	<u>124,778</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	185,753
<b>Expense</b>	
Conference & District Tithes	7,012
Staff Expense	48,58
Office Administration	2,523
Building and Grounds	19,540
Programming	2,019
Daycare Personnel	90,685
Daycare Program / Supplies	<u>10,676</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	623,926
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,708</b>

***From the Pastor's Pen***

**A Church Changing Experience**

On May 20 will we join with churches throughout the world who celebrate Pentecost. The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth" (50th). It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" in the Septuagint and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition or Shavuot. The disciples of Jesus were gathered together in a room as they celebrated Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It is described in



the scriptures as sounding like a mighty wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. It was a time of renewal and empowerment of the early disciples to go and share the stories they had of their experience with Jesus. Eventually, some of the stories began to be written down, and as people with first-hand knowledge of Jesus were no longer able to share the stories, others who had been inspired by what they had heard began to carry the message to others. Within a relatively short time, the whole of the known worlds was talking about the life

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### The Governing Board Meeting Highlights


♥ The church is interested in purchasing the parking lot adjacent to the north side of the church. The Governing Board approved an offer to the owner, who is currently evaluating it. Before an agreement is finalized, it will be put to the congregation for approval.

♥ A presentation to the Board was made by Ian Hall, INUMC Director of Financial Services and Conference Treasurer, concerning the possibility of incorporating the church. The church would retain its tax exempt status as a 501(C)(3) organization. As a corporation, it would become a separate legal entity apart from the leaders of the church. The main advantage is to protect the leaders of the church from personal financial liability arising from claims against the church. Mr. Hall suggested we could speak with

other Methodist Churches who have recently incorporated and, if we decide to go forward with it, to seek the services of an attorney.

♥ Jerry Gillooly, along with his daughters and the recently formed Organ Scholarship Task Force, has drafted the applicant requirements for prospective scholarship awards, starting in May. Along with basic requirements such as recorded video auditions, a written essay, and letters of recommendation, they will also be asked to come to Roberts Park on one Sunday as a guest organist. The board approved the application requirements.

♥ The board has decided to purchase a new church management software system. The name of the system is Realm. One of the main advantages it has over our current Shelby System is



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## Shalom Teacher Recognition Day and Indians Game—June 24

Please join the Shalom Daycare and Roberts Park UMC in recognizing the Shalom staff at the 10:30 service and then having some fun watching the Indianapolis Indians host the



Durham Bulls on Sunday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m. We have reserved seats along the first base line and will also plan to congregate on the lawn in right field. Ticket prices are: lawn \$8, section 120 \$9, box seats \$13, and kids two and under are free. Kids eat free on Sundays at Victory field and game-

appropriate attire is encouraged at the service. We'd love to see you there! To order your tickets or for more information, contact Tonia Haines at (317) 635-3397 or Maggie Blettner at (317) 590-4386. ease RSVP by June 1.

### Member Spotlight

#### Meet the Blettner Family

This month we are pleased to introduce you to the family of Trent and Maggie Blettner. The Indianapolis natives started coming to Roberts Park Church in the spring of 2016 after they moved downtown to their home on Mass Avenue. They became members of Roberts Park in October 2016.



Trent and Maggie met at Purdue University, from which both were graduated – Trent in electrical engineering and Maggie in nursing. Maggie also earned her MS degree in nursing from IUPUI.

They are the parents of two delightful daughters, Bernice (Bea) and Lane, ages 5 and 2. The children are full of imagination and energy and keep their parents hopping! Trent and Maggie remember that when they first started coming to church, many of our people made a point to welcome them and to tell them not to worry about the kids making noise – that “they were happy to have us in church.” Both girls are enrolled in Shalom Daycare.

The Blettners work together as a team in running their family’s business, Blettner Engineering, and Trent volunteers as a host for Soup’s On and serves as one of our liturgists. Maggie is a member of the Governing Board and also volunteers on the Education Task Force. In their spare time they enjoy sailing, and riding their bikes around town (including riding to church on good days). Being RPUMC members gives them a connection to their community through faith and service.

#### To Mom on Mother’s Day:

*“Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother’s secret hope outlives them all.”*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

#### Governing Board *Continued from page 1*

that it is “cloud” based, meaning access is obtained through the internet. Another benefit is that church members will have direct access to an online member directory and will be able to edit their own information themselves.

♥ Efforts to address the condition of the church roofing were discussed. An engineering firm has been hired to assess the condition of the slate roof and the repairs needed. They will perform the examination on May 17. Also, the flat roof on the Education Wing has had leaking and a separate engineering firm is planning an assessment of the source and repairs needed.

♥ Pastor Andrew presented the draft of the Associate Pastor Job Description. It will be apart-time position. He expressed his preference for candidates to either have or to be on track to ordination. The document was approved and the interview process has begun.

♥ Pastor Andrew presented the draft of a Student Pastor Job Description. He said that this position would be 10 to 12 hours per week. This is also a part-time position lasting two academic semesters. The position would focus on community development with emphasis on the connection between visitors, members and staff. The board approved hiring a Student Pastor, as funding allows, and using the proposed job description.

### Missions



Our Loose Change and Missions Offerings for the month of May will be designated for the Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity 2018 **Interfaith Build**.

This October, congregations, mosques, temples and synagogues will unite and partner with Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity to work with three Indianapolis families to build their homes. This will be Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity’s third annual **Interfaith Build**. In 2016 and 2017, the Interfaith Build built two homes each year. This year, the goal is to build homes for three families who have been selected to work with Habitat for Humanity to achieve home ownership.

Habitat for Humanity is a partnership founded on common ground – bridging theological differences by putting love into action. Habitat’s late founder, Millard Fuller, called this concept the theology of the hammer: “We may disagree on all sorts of other things, but we can agree on the idea of building homes with God’s people in need.”

Building a home is an extravagant act of love, and takes a lot of resources and human power to complete. Habitat for Humanity is currently raising the funds needed to procure the land, materials, and contracted labor necessary to complete the three Interfaith Build homes. In addition to a financial gift, and no matter your skill level, you can volunteer this fall to participate in the actual home building, working alongside the families and other members of the Indianapolis faith community.

If you would like to donate, you can make checks payable to Roberts Park UMC, with “Habitat for Humanity” in the memo line.

### Worship Attendance

	Wk of Apr 1	Wk of Apr 8	Wk of Apr 15	Wk of Apr 22	Wk of Apr 29	Avg Serv
8:30 am	25	20	24	16	22	21
10:30 am	233	127	134	100	100	139
Wed Noon	Not held	Not held	Not held	10	8	9
Messy Church				30		
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>122</b>	

### Worship Themes and Texts

#### May 6

Rev. Dr. Andrew Scanlan-Holmes  
*“Sharing the Good News”*

Texts: Acts 10:44-48 & John 15:9-17

#### May 13

Rev. Dr. Andrew Scanlan-Holmes  
*“Love You Forever; Like You Always.”*

Texts: 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and John 17:6-19

#### May 20

Rev. Dr. Andrew Scanlan-Holmes  
*“Listen to the Wind “*

Texts: Acts 2:1-21 and John 3:1-17

#### May 27

Rev. Dr. Andrew Scanlan-Holmes  
*“Ready, Steady, Go!”*

Texts: Isaiah 6:1-8 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### The Book Club

The selection for Tuesday, May 8 is **A Gathering in Hope**, by Philip Gulley .

Thanks to an unexpected windfall, Sam Gardner's congregation (with the exception of a few malcontents) is eager to expand their meetinghouse. But before building can commence, the County Environmental Board and the Department of Natural Resources put the quietus on the plan.

A colony of endangered Indiana bats have invaded the tree beside the meetinghouse. Hope Friends Meeting is left without a gathering place. And when an over-zealous Leonard Fink takes matters into his own hands, he may even land himself--and Sam--in jail.

The selection for Tuesday, June 12 is **Manhattan Beach** , by Jennifer Egan. Go to robertsparkumc.org and choose “Get Involved” to see book selections through May 2019.

