

VANDEBURG METHODIST CHURCH CARRYING THE CROSS

*I arise today Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness Of the Creator of creation.*

*I arise today Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.*

excerpt from The Breastplate of St. Patrick

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THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK

By Father John P. Nolan

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of the most celebrated Christian figures in history. Born in Britain around the late fourth or early fifth century, his birth name was likely Maewyn Succat. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. During his captivity, he worked as a shepherd, spending much of his time in isolation, which deepened his faith. After six years, he escaped, following a divine vision that guided him back to his family in Britain. However, Patrick felt called to return to Ireland — not as a captive, but as a missionary. He studied Christianity and became a priest, later being consecrated as a bishop. He returned to Ireland in the mid-5th century, determined to spread Christianity. Using culturally relevant symbols such as the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, Patrick converted many Irish people, including chieftains and druids. His missionary work played a crucial role in establishing Christianity in Ireland, and many churches and monasteries were founded under his guidance. He is believed to have died on March 17, around the year 461 AD, and his feast day is celebrated on this date each year.



THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK

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St. Patrick's life continues to inspire people worldwide, not only for his religious contributions but also for his perseverance, faith, and sense of mission. In a world facing challenges such as social division, spiritual uncertainty, and cultural shifts, his story reminds us of the power of faith to transform lives.

He was a foreigner who embraced the people who once enslaved him, teaching lessons of forgiveness and reconciliation — values needed in today's often polarized society. His ability to communicate faith in a relatable way offers insight into how we can connect with people from different backgrounds and beliefs.

Lessons from St. Patrick's life to enhance our spirituality:

Faith amid trials — St. Patrick maintained his faith even in hardship. When faced with personal struggles, his life encourages us to trust in God's guidance and purpose.

Forgiveness and love — Instead of harboring resentment against those who enslaved him, St. Patrick forgave them and sought to bring them hope through faith. We, too, can practice forgiveness in our relationships and communities.

Mission and purpose — Patrick saw his calling as a divine mission. His example teaches us to seek our purpose in life, using our talents to serve others and spread goodness.

Simplicity in faith — Patrick used simple symbols like the shamrock to explain profound spiritual truths. This reminds us that faith doesn't have to be complicated; sometimes, the simplest expressions of belief are the most powerful.

Resilience and determination — Despite opposition and challenges, he remained steadfast in his mission. In our spiritual journey, persistence in prayer and devotion can help us overcome obstacles.

St. Patrick's life is a testament to the transformative power of faith, resilience, and service. As we celebrate his legacy, we are reminded of the universal values he embodied — values that remain relevant and meaningful today.



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends met Monday February 9 after a weather delay from our scheduled first Monday. We're excited to share that 13 ladies attended a very fun meeting with scrumptious treats from Beverly Mayhew and devotion from Stacey Pierce.

We discussed in detail our Chili and Pinto dinner for February 20th. We are looking forward to hosting our church family and community for this event. No cost but donations are accepted.

When we learned that the Vanderburg Preschool was no longer going to host a Craft Fair, so it was agreed the Circle of Friends would take it on as a Fall Craft Fair / Bake Sale / Raffle and Breakfast scheduled to be held on October 17, 2026.

We are investigating when to hold a blood drive.

The ladies are gathering for fun and fellowship on Monday March 16 at 1:30 pm to learn to crochet and make bows if our teacher is in town.

Our next meeting is Monday March 2 at 6 pm in the Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall. Ladies of all ages are invited to join our fun and fellowship.

Blessings to all,
Stacey Pierce



Mon. Mar. 2 | 6:00 PM
Jack Overcash Fellowship Hall

The Circle of Friends women's group that meets monthly to enjoy a time of fellowship, ministry and prayer. They are integral to the mission of the church, and you will find them at work at most every church event.



**NEW
DATE**

Classes Begin: Wed. Feb. 18 | 6:30 PM

Grief Support Groups

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

All are Welcome!



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

On Fri. Feb. 20th, the Circle of Friends hosted a fellowship dinner featuring chili, pinto beans, cornbread and more! A lovely time was had by all, with approximate 80 folks in attendance. The Circle was grateful to collect about \$800 in donations, which will be used for missions.



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER



Thank you for remembering the following individuals in prayer. You will find a complete list of names posted in our Prayer Room (room 108) each month.

All are invited to use the prayer room to pray for these and others. If you need to add someone for prayer, please contact the church office.

Buzzy Benfield
Gene & Janice Brawley
Ezra Brawley
Brenda Byrd
Laura Carriker
Doris Cockrell
The Family of Phil Coleman
Laquita Edmonds
Mike & Lottie Freeze
Sherridan Fulbright
Nate Garrett
Sarah Grady
Marie Hedrick
Shirley Key
Brenda Keyser
Susan Koury
Dwight Neill
Christine Osborne
Rick Owens
Linda Overcash
Terry & Cindy Pardew
Rev. Robert Pierre
The Family of Django Rosenbaum
Wayne & Sandra Sherrill
Katy Smith
The Family of Brenda Waugh
Greg Whitfield
The Family of Duck Wyatt
Patsy Zeggert



Soup Luncheon

Join the *Outreach Team* and *Young Adults Class*
Sunday March 15th after the 10am service for a
FREE Soup Potluck and Grilled Cheese!

When: **3/15/26** at 11:00 am

Where: Vanderburg Methodist
Fellowship Hall



Called to Serve? Sign
up to bring a soup or
dessert of your choice!

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School 9:00 AM hour offers classes for all ages! Choose from any of these classes geared to help you dig deeper in the Word!



We need volunteers to serve as the Safe Sanctuary person in the kids Sunday School class. We just need your presence. You will not have to help with the class or prepare a lesson. If enough are willing to serve, a schedule will be made.



As a church, we need to have a nursery available for visitors as well as church members. See Susan Fogleman if you are interested in helping with this ministry. The service is streamed live, for nursery workers to enjoy.

CHILDREN & PRE-TEEN



Our children use the series All-in-One Sunday School, designed for preschool-12 yrs old and beginning January 4, they will start a road trip through the Bible. Let's invite others to join them in room 115 on the Preschool Hall.

Anyone is welcome to stop by any Sunday to give the leaders a hand! We know they would appreciate it!

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Vanderburg's Young Adult class is reaching out to the community and planning events and get togethers as they grow closer to Christ. Can't wait to see all the great things that they will be doing!

The class meets in room 107, and all young adult singles and couples are invited.

BOB COMBS CLASS

The Bob Combs Class offers a quarterly curriculum for older adults 60+. Dig deeper into Scripture with the Bible Studies for Life, a resource featuring in-depth Bible exposition on the passages studied in this book.

They are looking for people to serve as leaders for our weekly lesson on Sunday morning. Prayerfully consider joining us as we worship together.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Christian Outreach Class chooses a variety of topics; from Word studies on Bible Books or deciding on a study by a respected teacher. The group is made up of all age Adults.

They are lead by Marguerite Beyerle and Bradley Mills and meet in room 110.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class offers a quarterly curriculum for adult men and women. The study offers opportunities to deeper explore the truths found in God's Word.

Many help facilitate the weekly discussions and lessons. You can find them in room 104.

FINANCES

Gifts Made to Vanderburg

The following gifts were made to Vanderburg during the month of February:

In Honor of:

Gifts were given to the Compassion Fund in honor of
Janice Brawley & Beverly Mayhew by:
Lloyd & Saundra Smith

In Memory of:

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of
Brenda Waugh by:
Judy McConnell
Doug & Michelle Patterson & family

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of
Phil Coleman by:
Paul & Lynn Neill
Linda Wilhelm
The Adult Bible Class
Jerry & Katy Smith
Gene & Janice Brawley
David & Kay Edmonds
Mitch & Beverly Mayhew
Terry & Cindy Pardew
Jill Giles
James & Mary Whitlow
Dwight & Judy Neill
Patty Lineberger

Gifts were given to the Compassion Fund in memory of
Phil Coleman by:
Kody Armstrong
Ron & Sherry Armstrong

Feb. Financial Snapshot

Income	\$ 17,463*
Expenses	\$ 16,751
Budgeted per Month	\$ 21,996

*Due to inclement weather, services were not held on 2/1/26

Monthly Finance Reports can be found in the Narthex the first Sunday of each month.

If you have any questions, you can always direct them to the Finance Chair, Linda Wilhelm.

If mailing your Tithes and Offerings, please send to:
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Directors: Susan Fogleman & Angelene Nelson



January/February FUN!



IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break

March 9-13

Village Inn Pizza

March 26 (4pm-8pm)

Easter Holiday

April 3-7



Kids, parents, grandparents, and teachers had a great time at our annual Sweetheart Dance. We had a special snack, crafts, games, and of course, dancing.



After having missed 9 days of school due to ice and snow, we were finally able to celebrate the 100th Day of School. The children had loads of fun with everything 100!



Join the preschool at Village Inn Pizza in Mooresville on Thursday, March 26th (4pm-8pm) for one of our Spring fundraisers. Dine In, Take Out, and Door Dash are all available. You will need to let Village Inn know that you are supporting Vanderburg Preschool.



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CALL TODAY!
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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We have opened enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. If you know anyone looking for a school, send them our way.



As we look ahead to Easter, let us focus on this very special time for the church. We look forward to our growing closer to the Lord as we approach Easter Sunday.

Please save the dates for these upcoming events:

- Palm Sunday | Sun. March 29
- Celebration of Easter for Children | Sat. April 4
- Easter Sunrise & Service | Sun. April 5



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TO: