



# Home News

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*Serving Children and Families for Over 90 Years*

## Welcome Mr. Lapinski!

Richard A. Lapinski has been named Executive Director/CEO of Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. He began his new duties on August 12. The Children's Home is a residential treatment center and has been serving emotionally troubled youth since 1915.

"I am delighted to be surrounded with such a dedicated, competent and caring staff. I look forward to working in Lebanon and throughout the state to see how we can best serve children and families in Indiana," stated Lapinski.

For the past 12 years, Lapinski served as Executive Director of the Presbyterian Home for Children in Amarillo, Texas. In addition, he and his wife Stephanie were family teachers/childcare workers for five years at Father Flanagan's Boy's Town in Omaha, Nebraska. Lapinski also worked in his family's construction business, building custom homes in the Chicago area.

He is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving for three years as an Intelligence Specialist on the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Lapinski earned two degrees from Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resources Management and a Master of Science Degree in Human Services.

He and his wife reside in Westfield and have four sons and one daughter.



### Mission Statement for Indiana United Methodist Children's Home

The mission of Indiana United Methodist Children's Home is to meet the special needs of each child and family served in order to help improve their quality of life. The Board of Trustees and staff members of Indiana United Methodist Children's Home are committed to bringing the highest quality resources available to the implementation of this mission. Property, programs, people and Christian values are the resources utilized to provide a holistic, caring, treatment environment capable of effectively serving children and their families. Services to children and families are provided without discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or religious affiliation.

## Fall Booth Festival 2010 Building Healthy Bodies... One Child at a Time



Indiana United Methodist Children's Home provides a safe haven for abused and neglected children from around the state. You may know of a child in your own church or community that may need help in the future. That's why we hope you will encourage your congregation to participate in Fall Booth Festival 2010.

Fall Booth Festival is a fund raising project which links United Methodist congregations and groups with the youth of Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. Today, adult and youth groups from around the state help to raise funds for the Home's food budget through fund raising projects and events in the name of Fall Booth Festival. In the past, churches have sponsored fund raising events like a car wash or church rummage sale with proceeds going toward Fall Booth Festival.



Many people wonder where the term "festival" comes from. The name "Booth Festival" is biblically based. The "Feast of Booths" was one of the three great annual festivals of the Israelites, celebrated with great joy after the harvest. In 1924, district churches would collect canned goods and then construct a booth describing their Fall Booth Festival work. Today, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home receives mostly cash gifts from Fall Booth Festival fund raisers and uses these gifts to purchase wholesale food items. The food purchased meets the dietary needs set forth by the Indiana State Board of Health.

This year, the Home anticipates providing \$5 million in charitable or free care to children and families in need. Funds from Fall Booth Festival are part of the Home's charitable care. In 2009, United Methodist churches from around the Indiana Conference raised more than \$37,000 for Fall Booth Festival.

Centenary United Methodist Church in Lebanon has participated in Fall Booth Festival for several years. According to Marcy Patrick, co-pastor of Centenary, "Our church sold chili at the popular Back to the 50's Festival and raised \$533 which will go toward Fall Booth Festival. We also decided to use all of the loose plate monies and change in the offering plates for the five Sundays in October to go to the Fall Booth Festival campaign. Some of the children in the congregation will collect the loose change with butterfly nets during the services. This is a much needed ministry as over 20,000 children were abused or neglected this past year right in our own state. Indiana United Methodist Children's Home provides the care needed to get the children and youth healthy and ready for life as adults."

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## Boone County United Methodist Churches Bring Holiday Spirit to Children's Home



Participants in the Christmas in July Party included United Methodist Women's group from eight area churches. Participants included first row left to right: Elma Sortor, Eileen Allen, Margie Smith, Kathryn Wolfla, Ann Hamilton, Betty Spencer, Peggy Beesley and Sharlene Grizzle. Second row: Joan Moffitt, Evelyn Akers, Pastor Karen Ottjes, Margaret Kelley, Nancy Boone, Olive Wade, Maxine Montgomery and Ginger Bright.

Christmas in July came to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home on a beautiful summer day, thanks to the efforts of Boone County United Methodist churches. The Boone County United Methodist Women help sponsor the yearly event. Local businesses also donate to the party. Olive Wade, an active volunteer in Boone County and member of Terhune UMC, organizes the party yearly. "It is such a joy to be a part of the Christmas in July Party at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. The best part of the event is to see how much fun the children have. United Methodist Women in Boone County always look forward to this festive party."

The annual party included games, fellowship and refreshments. Fourteen children from the Home participated in this year's festivities. Each child received a special t-shirt, games, puzzles and school supplies.

The participants represented eight Boone County United Methodist Churches including Centenary, Otterbein, Thorntown, Terhune, Zionsville Salem, Jamestown, Milledgeville and Whitestown.

## United Methodist Women Care About Children

Did you know United Methodist Women (UMW) from around the United States annually raise \$20 million dollars for programs related to women, children and poverty in more than 100 countries across the globe?

In Indiana, United Methodist Women care deeply about the boys and girls at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. For example, the United Methodist Women from Nashville United Methodist Church recently toured the Home and donated a variety of school supplies to the on-grounds school. In addition, they give regularly to the Proxy Parent Program which helps support the Home's counseling program. According to Pam Simo, member of Nashville UMW, "Over the years, we have had members in our Circle who were very committed to helping the Children's Home. They passed their love of the Home down to some of our younger members. We want to continue the tradition of helping as much as we can. And, being able to see the campus and witnessing the program first-hand, we know our donations are directly benefiting the children here. We encourage other UMW groups to make the trip to Lebanon."



Nashville United Methodist Women toured Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in September. According to one of the members, "So many times we hear about the important work taking place at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. But, when touring the campus and observing the school, it is evident that we are supporting a vital ministry within the United Methodist Church in Indiana."

*Here's an idea.....*

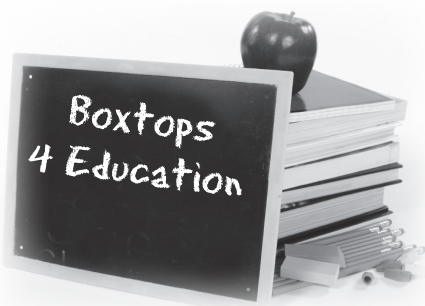
Need an informative and inspirational program for your United Methodist Women's group for 2011? Indiana United Methodist Children's Home can help! Contact Susan Bennett, Public Relations Director at 765-482-5900 or send an e-mail inquiry to [susanb@iumch.org](mailto:susanb@iumch.org)

## Clipping Coupons Pays Off

United Methodist Churches from across the state continue to help with the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program. Over the past four years, the Children's Home has redeemed more than \$2,000 in coupons and the box tops have funded several dry erase boards for class rooms in the James E. Davis on grounds school. The coupons also funded many chapter books for the reading program at the on-grounds school.

The Home continues to accept the box tops. For a full list of products featuring the coupons, go to the website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

Thank you for being a part of this important program through General Mills. Start clipping your box tops today! Simply send your box tops to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Attention, Jim Stuart, Principal, PO Box 747, Lebanon, Indiana 46052-0747.



# Citizenship Program at IUMCH is a Success

The purpose of the Citizenship Program at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home is to help the residents have a positive attitude toward responsibility and behavior. As the youth are able to accept additional responsibility and make improvements in behavior and attitude, they receive more privileges and more cash allowance. The child care workers and social workers are primarily responsible for evaluating the behavior of each child. Behavior is also evaluated at school and while participating in recreational activities. Citizenship is based on the following:

- The ability to cooperate with all adult authority figures.
- The ability to interact appropriately with peers.
- The ability to do assigned chores (i.e. cleaning room, making bed).
- The ability to do the class work and homework assigned by the teachers and to follow school rules, procedures and routines.
- The ability to follow cottage and campus-wide limits, rules and procedures.



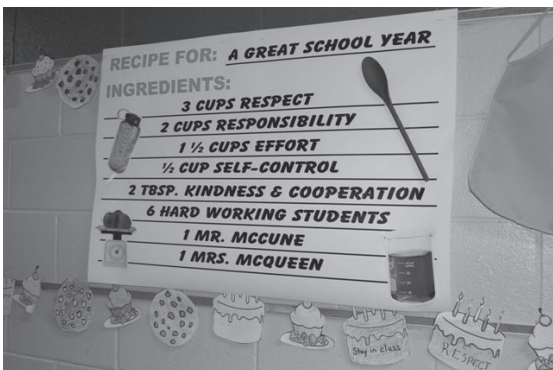
At each level of citizenship, youth receive a cash allowance that may be used in a variety of ways. Some examples are:

- To buy refreshments at special on-campus functions or while on off-campus trips.
- To buy personal items such as cards for relatives or gifts for family members and friends.
- To fund special off-campus activities such as skating or playing miniature golf.
- Funds may be used for savings, church offering or to buy music or video games.

The amount of allowance given ranges from \$4.25 per week for Honor residents to \$1.50 per week for restricted residents. The Citizenship Program at IUMCH has been in place for many years and continues to be an effective way to teach residents the importance of being responsible and accountable for their daily actions.

## Recipe For A Great School Year

The James E. Davis Academic School year is off to a great start. The school accommodates classes ranging from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The elementary school class currently has six students and the teachers have come up with a "recipe for success." Below is the recipe which is posted in the classroom.



*The small number of students in the classroom allows for individualized attention and instruction from the teaching staff at the James E. Davis on-grounds school. The on-grounds school serves youth from across the state and academic credits transfer to any public school in Indiana.*



## Recreational Activities are Fun and Educational at IUMCH



The Recreation Leaders at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home plan many fun and educational trips on campus and around the state. Take a look at some of the most recent trips and events on and off campus:

- Indianapolis Children's Museum Trip
- Hiking and Picnics at various Indiana State Parks
- Indianapolis Zoo Trip
- Indianapolis Symphony at Sunset and Picnic in the Park
- Ice Cream Social on Campus
- Big Wheel 500 Race at IUMCH
- Fishing at Old Mill Run
- International Game Tournament at IUMCH
- Campus Wide Cookout
- Indiana Beach Outing
- IUMCH Summer Olympics
- "High School" Musical at Beef-n-Boards event
- Youth and Staff Softball Game and Pizza Party
- Christmas in July Party
- Back to School Party
- Pink Ladies Reunion Party

*"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can!"*

*-John Wesley*

The boys and girls have an opportunity to learn and grow from each of these outings and activities. Your gifts are needed and appreciated for these types of activities. Thank you for caring about the happiness and well being of the youth at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.



# Christmas Wishes for 2010

Christmas is a wonderful time of year for the boys and girls in care at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. Many of the youth remain on campus during the Christmas holidays and yearly, your gifts make the season brighter for them. Here are some general gift ideas. Gifts do not need to be wrapped and it would be helpful to receive your donated Christmas gifts by December 11, 2010.

- Gift Cards to Wal-mart
- Gift Cards for I-Tunes
- Suitcases and overnight bags
- Pajamas and Robes (Small to 2XL)
- Books (Reading levels K-12)
- Board games appropriate for ages 6-18
- Puzzles
- I-Pods
- Tooth Brushes (cartoon theme)
- DVDs (G and PG only)
- Electric or battery operated shavers
- Arts and Crafts (paint by number kits, sketching paper, colored pens and markers)
- Recreation equipment (Basketballs, footballs, Nerf games, etc)
- Dolls and accessories
- Liquid body wash and lotions (like cucumber melon, etc.)
- Stationery and Stamps
- Batteries (AA, AAA)
- Lego Kits
- Action Figures
- Underwear (Small through 2XL)
- Sports souvenirs (As a hint, we have an abundance of Colts fans at IUMCH!)



*Monetary donations toward Christmas are also needed and greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Inc. PO Box 747, Lebanon, IN 46052. Have questions? Contact Susan Bennett, Phone 765-482-5900, e-mail [susanb@iumch.org](mailto:susanb@iumch.org)*

Thank you for making the season brighter for the boys and girls at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon!

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