

## APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Michael J. Coyner has announced the following changes within the Indiana Area. All dates effective 2008 unless otherwise noted. These appointments are based on Cabinet reports received by Indiana Area Communication during the month of January 2008.

**North Indiana Conference**  
Andrews, Greg from Supply, Huntington to Local Pastor, Huntington, 1/1  
Boggs, Tamara first appointment to Lowell, Calumet, 1/1  
Bradford, Gregory from no appointment to Liberty Mills, Huntington, 1/1  
Burke, Fred E. Jr. from no ap-

pointment to Alexandria Joyce Chapel, Marion, 11/25/07  
Davis, Carl W. from New Waverly, Kokomo to Reynolds/Yeoman, Lafayette, 1/16  
French, W. Edward from Liberty Mills to Retirement, 12/31/07  
Inskip, Dave from Reynolds/Yeoman, Lafayette to Stidham, Lafayette, 1/1  
Johnson, Vera from Christ, Calumet to Fifth Ave., Calumet, 1/1  
Nunemaker, Donald first appointment to Richland Center/Burton, Warsaw, 1/1  
Reyes, Janie G. from Fort Wayne: Christ, Fort Wayne to Fort Wayne: Inglesia Cristiana, Fort

Wayne, 1/1  
Smith, Jeffrey from Jackson Hts./West Pt., Lafayette to West Point, Lafayette, 1/1  
Stahlman, Chris from Fort Wayne: Taylor Chapel, Fort Wayne to Pleasantdale, Marion, 2/16  
Tague, Chester from Romney, Lafayette to Romney and Jackson Heights, Lafayette, 1/1  
Thornton, Joyce from Epworth, Marion to Epworth/Alexandria First, Marion, 1/1  
Williams, Darren from Pleasantdale, Marion to Brushwood, Calumet, 2/1  
Williams, Keith A. from no appointment to Eaton, Muncie, 1/1/

**South Indiana Conference**  
Brinegar, Raymond from Bedford: Grace, Bloomington to retirement, 1/15  
Buttery, Wendy from no appointment to Greens Fork, Rushville, 9/1/07  
Kirts, Robert from Leesville, Bloomington to Bedford: Grace, Bloomington, 1/15  
Modlin, Mary Jane from no appointment to Conners: New Life, Rushville, 8/1/07  
Pelc, Charles M. from Benson Chapel, Lafayette, North Indiana Conference to New Hope, New Albany, 2/1  
Reynolds, Hugh W. from Tunnelton:

Bono/Tunnelton, Bloomington to no appointment, 11/30 /07  
Skiba, Ann Elaine from no appointment to Nobles Chapel, Evansville, 12/1/07  
Stiles, Kevin from Indianapolis: Cumberland, Indianapolis East to Shirley-Wilkinson Community, Rushville, 1/15  
Taylor, Seth from Rushville: Wesley, Rushville to no appointment, 12/31/07  
Underwood, Harold E. from Clarks: Ohio Falls, New Albany to no appointment, 1/1  
Walker, Ronald Dean from Columbus: Asbury, Columbus to Leave of Absence, 1/31

## DEATHS

**PHYLLIS COY**, mother-in-law of the Rev. Bob Denney, pastor of Fairview and Bellefontaine United Methodist churches in the Muncie District (NIC), died Jan. 27, 2008. A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 1 in Portland, Ind. Condolences may be sent to Bob and Donna Denney, 1126 S. Como Road, Portland, IN. 47371-8535.

**DOROTHY MAISH**, mother of retired minister and former district superintendent the Rev. David Maish (NIC), died Jan. 30, 2008.

Condolences can be sent to the Rev. David Maish, 344 DaVinci Pass, Kissimmee, FL 34759-3129, or by e-mail to [dmaish@verizon.net](mailto:dmaish@verizon.net).

**PHYLLIS MATTOX**, wife of retired pastor, Alvin Mattox (SIC), died Jan. 21, 2008. A Memorial service was held Jan. 26 in Charlestown, Ind. Survivors include: Husband, Alvin Mattox, 8506 Hickory Dr, Charlestown, IN 47111; two daughters, Sally Lesley and Alice Sims, and three sons: Richard Mattox, George

Mattox, and Michael Mattox.

**ROBERT McBRIDE**, 83, died Jan. 19, 2008, retired professor of philosophy and religion and director of graduate studies at the University of Indianapolis (1954-1966). He also was academic dean and vice-president for academic affairs at Albright College in Reading, Pa. (1966-1979) and president of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa (1979 through retirement in 1987). Survivors include: Wife, Luella Hart McBride; children, Judith Bentley of Seattle, Wash., Ronald McBride of Indianapolis and Steven McBride of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service was held Jan. 25. Memorials can be made to Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa in the name of the McBride Distinguished Lectureship, or to the University of Indianapolis, in the name of the Robert E. McBride and Luella K. McBride Scholarship Fund. Condolences may be shared with the family at:

[www.gherrmann.com](http://www.gherrmann.com).

**ROBERT RUSSELL ROWLAND**, retired Elder of West Chester, Ohio, who held several positions in higher education (SIC), died Jan. 30, 2008. Survivors include: Wife, Naomi. A memorial service was held Feb. 4 in Fairfield, Ohio. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Naomi Roland, 8364 Waterbury Court, # 102, West Chester, OH 45069. He retired in 1982.

**MARTHA SEARCY**, widow of Hubert Searcy (SIC), died Jan. 20, 2008. Survivors include: Daughter, Lisa Holt; and 4 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, Port Orange, FL 32127. Private memorial service.

**THELMA SHEPHERD**, widow of the late Rev. Garth Shepherd who died in 1996 (NIC), died Jan. 26, 2008. A memorial service was held on Jan. 30 at the Downing-Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, Ind. Condolences can be sent to Paul Moser, 3692 Juillerat Dr., Portland, IN 47371. Memorials can be

made to the donor's choice.

**RONALD G. THOMAS**, Associate Member (SIC), Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008. A memorial service was held Feb. 8 at the United Methodist Church in Hope, Ind. A second memorial service was held Feb. 9 at the United Methodist Church in Carbon, Ind. Survivors include: Wife, Sandra Thomas, 429 Washington St., Hope, IN 47246; daughters, Karen Barker, Kim Finnerty and Kelly Jones; and 8 grandchildren.

**HOWARD EARL WRIGHT**, 85, retired minister and former district superintendent (SIC) died Jan. 25, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Thomas Wright. A memorial service was held Feb. 9 in Indianapolis. Memorial gifts may be made to Roberts Park UMC, Indianapolis, Ind, Speedway United Methodist Church, 5065 W. 16th Street; Indianapolis, IN 46224 or Sumption Prairie United Methodist Church, 24535 Roosevelt Rd. South Bend, IN 46614.

## One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be received March 2

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is essential to UMCOR: gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps us keep our promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project – not on home office costs and assisting UMCOR programs that have not been fully funded through design-



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## North Indiana Conference to host VIM team leader training at Kokomo

The Mission Volunteers Resource Team of the North Indiana Conference have scheduled a Volunteers in Mission Team Leader Training event for Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, 700 East Southway Blvd. in Kokomo, Ind. Penny Krug will be the trainer for this event.

Leaders and/or participants of VIM work teams and youth leaders need to attend this important event.

The cost is \$10 person, which includes lunch and basic materials, plus \$25 for a VIM Training Manual (only one needed per church). Topics include:

- ◆ How to plan a mission trip?
- ◆ Where to go when your church

wants to send a team

- ◆ Spiritual enrichment
- ◆ Being a team member
- ◆ Cultural sensitivity
- ◆ Insurance and liability forms regardless of where you go, issues of risk and answers to questions.

For more information: Contact Bonnie Albert, [bonkay@hotmail.com](mailto:bonkay@hotmail.com), or phone 219-464-1447.

Registration deadline is Friday, April 4. To register, send name, address, phone number with area code, church, city. Make checks payable to North Indiana Conference, memo VIM training and mail to P.O. Box 869, Marion, IN 46952. For registration form, log on to [www.nicumc.org](http://www.nicumc.org).

## Together reader's Sunday school class contributed to CJ's bus

Joyce Poland, a Sunday school teacher of Blythe (Ind.) Chapel United Methodist Church, told *Together* she was surprised to see the story about CJ's Bus (Nov.-Dec issue), a portable childcare facility used in communities hit by disaster.

She said the Saturday before she read the story, her Sunday school class of girls ages 3 to 9 years made fleece blankets as a Christmas project for the children who would use CJ's Bus. Elderly residents of a local nursing home also helped the girls make the blankets. They made 13 blankets in a couple of hours.

Kathryn Martin, mother of CJ who was killed in the Evansville tornado two years ago, was pleased with the blankets and said that her son CJ had a blanket like the ones Poland's class made.



Photo courtesy of Joyce Poland  
Pictured with blankets for CJ's bus are Aubrey McCoy, Kathlyn McCoy, Taliyah Teel, Trianna Teel and Trista Teel.

"God works in wonderful ways to lead us to do good," said Poland.

*The story of CJ's Bus can be read online at [www.inareaumc.org](http://www.inareaumc.org), click on Together and go to the Nov.-Dec. 2007 issue.*