

The CrossRoads Connection



A Youth and Young Adult Ministry of
St. Andrew United Methodist Church

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! - by Robin Thomas

At the CrossRoads, our goal is to meet our youth and young adults at the crossroads of their lives starting with completion of 5th grade and continuing on through their mid-twenties. We realize that during these years life is one big transition from adolescence to adulthood - a journey full of twists and turns, intersections and mile markers. Graduations from high school and college are two of these truly remarkable intersections and we celebrate the journey completed and the roads ahead.



This year our church family was blessed with more than 35 graduates which included seven different high schools and six different colleges/universities. The CrossRoads leaders have done their best to make sure that these graduates have a firm foundation in God's love and confidence that God has a big plan for their life. So now we all stand at this crossroad giving

them hugs, cheers, and big waves as we send them out to follow their dreams.

Our college graduates are being sent off with a gift of a serving bowl and spoon. The glass bowl is perfect for holding munchies (might I suggest M&Ms) at home or on the corner of their desks. These bowls are a reminder that it has been our privilege to serve them as they went along this part of their journey but it's now their time to serve wherever God leads them now.

Our high school graduates are being sent off with a care package filled with all sorts of things including as much love and prayers that we could cram into the box. These care packages strive to achieve the high standards set by my mom - the queen of care packages. I grew up in Western Kentucky and went to college in Louisiana, so care packages came my way regularly. Everyone at the campus

post office knew about my mom's exceptional care packages so, if I got one, I had to open it in the post office. They wanted to know just what really crazy things were inside, especially after I got a bag of dirt and grass from the backyard. (Mom thought I sounded a little home sick so she sent me a piece of home - I would have preferred cookies.)

These care packages have some serious things like a New Testament, a devotion book and a *God's Promises* book to help our graduates take their faith with them as they get jobs or go off to school. It also has food and candy—parents you will have to supply them with your own homemade cookies. Some of the other things in the box are: a bottle of bubbles (so when someone burst theirs they can just make more), a prayer stone to remind them



Remember
your creator
in the days of
your youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

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Our MISSION: We seek to encourage youth and young adults to develop a genuine faith in Jesus Christ, encourage them to grow as lifelong disciples, and to equip them to minister to others for the sake of the world.



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that God hears all prayers, a deck of cards, a hot cup koozie so that they don't burn their fingers while downing coffee/hot chocolate, a big clip to hold things together, and a couple of marbles that can replace any they think they have lost. However, it is the smiles, prayers and the love that radiate from inside the box that are most important. (Sorry no bag of dirt and grass was included.)

Congratulations Graduates! May you grow in God's plan wherever that takes you and don't forget to write/call/text/IM.... We'd love to hear about your journey.

Graduates - if you haven't gotten your gift yet, please come by the church office.

High School Graduates

Benton Central High School
Alexander Deason

Downers Grove North High School
Bryan Foster

Jefferson High School
Nichole Eberle
Tiffany Foster

Home School
Leah Winger

McCutcheon High School
Taylor Honsowetz

William Henry Harrison High School
Patrick Cutter
William Elliot
Megan Gray
Daniel Hull
Matthew Paczolt
Kristin Rogers
Karl Theller
Cole Weston

West Lafayette High School
Samantha Akridge
Christiaan Breur
Abigail Broughton
Eleanor Broughton
Andrew Burchill
Zachary Burchill
Hiroshi Fukada
Adam Gray
Hannah Reisman
Drew Sommer
Erin Whittaker

College Graduates

Ball State:
Alex Cutter, B.S.
Steve Harding, B.S.

Indiana University
Catherine Taylor Edwards, M.P.H.
Jason Edwards, M.D.

Indiana Wesleyan
Eric Williams, B.S.

Ivy Tech State College
Austin Boaz, A.A.S.

Purdue University
Katie Biehl, B.S.
Diane Black, B.S.
Traci Brackemyre B.S.
Kayla Brewer B.S.

University of Arizona
Erik Sembroski, B.S.



BREAKAWAY needs your extra and old keys. These keys will NOT be returned!!!

Please drop your keys off in the box in the office marked... KEYS!!!

Space Food Needed!!

Our BreakAway astronauts need non-perishable earth food for the Church Women United's food pantry. We are hoping to collect about two full bags of food per astronaut. All the food pantries are seeing greater needs for their services and their collections are down. Since our kids are reaching for the stars, let us show them that our willingness to give has no bounds. Any donations are greatly accepted. *Please place the items in the food cart before the start of Vacation Bible School.*

Most requested items:

- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed veggies
- Potatoes, dried or canned
- Mac/cheese
- Tuna
- Saltine crackers

- Soup, canned or Ramen noodles
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Pork & Beans
- Refried beans, canned
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti

Thanks—BreakAway Astronauts

Senior Spotlight!

We continue to spotlight our Senior High youth who will be graduating this year.

Zach Burchill recently graduated from West Lafayette High School. He is a Ben Franklin Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania and a National Merit Finalist. Additionally, Zach is a competitive bagpipe player. He was on the tennis and track teams while at West Lafayette High School. Zach shared his sweet lyrical voice in the school spring musical and is an active employee in St. Andrew's nursery. He has been dubbed a wordsmith, having placed 2nd and 1st in statewide poetry competitions, and intends to major in linguistics. He is currently learning all about government bureaucracy in his job with the United States Census Bureau.



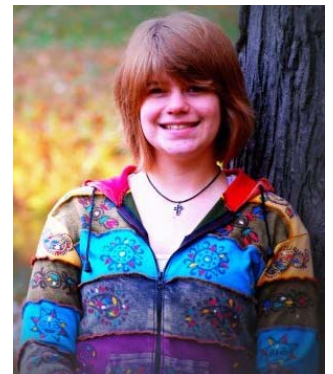
Andrew Burchill graduated from West Lafayette High School. He is a University Scholar at the University of Chicago and a National Merit Finalist. Andrew recently competed in the Mr. West Side competition and wowed everyone with his awesome dance moves. Additionally, he brought the house down in the school fall comedy. Andrew was the president of the American Computer Science League and active in WADG (World Affairs Discussion Group). He is also active in a competitive bagpipe band and competes in solo events. You can visit Andrew this summer at The Green Sprout, where he will serve you some kimchi and amaze you with his customer service.



Drew Sommer graduated from West Lafayette High School in May. He is headed to Purdue to study engineering. He will be living in Harrison Hall and was accepted into the Network Engineering learning community. While in high school, Drew enjoyed playing WLHS soccer for four years. He received an academic all-state honor in soccer this year. Currently his favorite hobby is playing lawn golf or ping pong with his close friends. They also like to go "road bowling" occasionally. Drew was involved in BOSS, SHO, German Club and played cello in orchestra for nine years. He plans to continue playing in orchestra at Purdue. Drew also participated in a German exchange program in May 2009. He would like to include a study abroad co-op experience while at Purdue. This summer he will be immersed in following the 2010 FIFA World Cup soccer games!!



Megan Gray graduated from Harrison High School where she was a manager of the swim team. She played tennis and participated in marching band. Megan started a club called W.O.W. This club did various service projects in the community to live up to their name, Work Over Wealth! In her free time, Megan enjoys photography, writing, cooking, reading, movies, and hanging out with her friends. In the fall, Megan will be attending Otterbein College in Westerville, OH to study creative writing.



Senior Spotlight cont.

Daniel Hull will graduate from Harrison High School with a 3.64 GPA. He was a two-sport standout athlete in football and track & field. Daniel was voted the Offensive MVP and a Hoosier Crossroads Conference 1st Team selection in football and advanced to the Indiana State Track Meet his junior and senior seasons in the shot put. He was a member of National Honor Society, the HHS Athletic Leadership Council and a participant in the Every 15 Minutes Drug/Alcohol Awareness Program this year. Daniel plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington to study international business.



Junior High News...



T.O.M. (TEENS ON A MISSION) ANNUAL WACKY OLYMPICS

Come join our Junior High Youth Group
in their first EVER Wacky Olympics!

This event will help introduce the ****new**** sixth graders to our group!!! Come see how fun it is to be a Christian!



Date: Sunday, June 20

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Place: St. Andrew United Methodist Church

JUNE Junior High Events

A calendar of future events to clip and place on your refrigerator

- June 6
10a Sunday School
6p T.O.M., The Intersection
- June 13
10a Sunday School
6p Say Goodbye—Happy Hollow Park until 7:30pm
- June 20
10a Sunday School
6p Wacky Olympics
- June 27
10a Sunday School
5:15p All Church Dinner
Youth Choir Event

TRUST
in the
LORD

Junior High Bible Verse of the Month *Isaiah 26:3*

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you.

