Be Courageous!

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”
I Corinthians 16:13

Over forty years ago, with faith in God and the love of Christ in their hearts, the founders of the Lucille Raines Residence made a courageous decision and established this important ministry. Many lives have been changed as people disabled by addiction have found hope, help and healing.

We live in a time when the problem of addiction has become a very major problem for our nation and our world. So many lives are being destroyed by addiction to opioids, other drugs and alcohol that the problem has reached epidemic proportions.

The ministry of Lucille Raines is more needed than ever. I encourage each one of you to support Raines with your prayers, your service, your gifts and your witness to others about this important ministry. Christ died that everyone might be freed from the bondage of sin and death. Addiction holds people in bondage. We can share the love of Christ who has the power to break those bonds.

I consider it an honor to be the new president of the Lucille Raines Residence Board of Directors. It is my heartfelt belief that God desires to see the ministry of Raines strengthen and grow. Thank you to all of you who give of your time and resources to help with this ministry.

A great way to become more familiar with Raines is to get a group together and schedule a Talk, Tour, Lunch (TTL). Tour the building, learn about life at Raines, hear about the experience of residents and enjoy a good lunch. Call Raines at 317.636.3328 to schedule. (Lunch cost is $8.00.)

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Christmas Tree Reflections

Customarily, this portion of the newsletter is devoted to thank yous for all individuals, units and churches have done across the preceding year. Grateful, always!

A little different twist shared from a December 18, 2019 Facebook post. Deanna lived at Lucille Raines 5 ½ years, now has almost nine years clean and sober. She is employed in a women’s recovery facility and is a beacon of hope to many.

A smallish well-loved tree appears in the FB frame. Deanna’s words: I love my little CHRISTMAS tree. I was living at Raines. I’d lost everything when I found it. Bent, broken & thrown away as trash; kinda like me. It made me so happy! I thought about buying a new one this year, but I LOVE MY TREE! The star ornament was a gift at the centerpiece dinner. My tree is a real blessing to me!

My FB reply: Brings tears. Memories! Remember that tree. Deep, deep meaning. It’ll become more precious through the years.

Deanna: I’ve changed bulbs periodically, but it’s a reminder for me. Thank you so much for giving me a chance. Raines has been real life changing for me and so many others that you’ve helped. I love you.

Thank you. It’s all because of GOD and YOU.

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Talk—Tour—Lunch

Discuss with your pastor the importance of a visit to Raines for your church's Confirmation Class. It will be a valuable faith lesson of Christ's redeeming love as well as one that will impact the lives of young people in profound and meaningful ways.

All for only $8.00

· Carpool and bring your friends
· Districts bring your UMW
· Churches bring your congregations

Call Lucille Raines Residence 317.636.3328
Ways to Engage in Raines Ministry

One of the many joys of serving as president of United Methodist Women of Indiana is membership on the Board of Directors of the Lucille Raines Residence. To be a part of this board is to have the opportunity to engage in a ministry that is saving lives. Through activities such as Raines Fest in October, I have gotten to know many of the residents and have grown to love and respect them as individuals striving to walk the challenging road to recovery.

Giving praise to God for God’s strength in their journeys, they have inspired me to be strong when facing life’s challenges.

If you have not been to Raines for a Talk, Tour, Lunch (TTL) or had a speaker from there, plan today to become a part of this ministry by educating yourselves about our work there. Arrange a TTL by calling Carolyn Marshall at 317.636.3328. Cost is $8 per person.

United Methodist Women of Indiana own and operate the Raines Residence. Let’s be concerned landlords by paying our $10 per member asking, supporting the staff and residents through prayer, and making our presence known. Send greeting cards to the staff and residents on their birthdays and holidays. A list of names of residents can be obtained from Carolyn Marshall, Executive Director.

Thank you for being faithful!

Kathie Clemenz, President
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Spring Is Coming to Raines!

Although the weather is very wintery as this article is written, plans and thoughts of spring are on our minds. The Raines Board met in January for the first meeting of the year. We will meet again in March and April, and the Staff Appreciation committee will meet prior to those board meetings to plan the Staff Appreciation luncheon in May.

Each staff member plays a vital role in accomplishing the mission of Lucille Raines Residence. We appreciate so much all they do to keep things functioning well and to enhance the spirit of community and service. I am always reminded how essential the front desk staff is as I enter the building and am greeted by welcoming smiles and warm hellos.

These “gatekeepers of Raines” are comprised of residents and former residents who are knowledgeable about meeting times and locations, residents and their schedules, and the general functioning, safety and security of the building. Thank you, Raines desk staff, for all you do! Also, many thanks go to the administrative, maintenance and housekeeping staff—all who are excellent as well!

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Saying goodbye to the place that helped save my life. I’ve made some lifelong friends and memories. I’m forever grateful and amazed when I look back and see God’s hand in everything. Thank you for keeping your doors open for me when no one else wanted to – and loving me until I learned to love myself!

-- Lauren
Time to Shine

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. Greetings to you all,
I rejoice in the privilege of being among the newest members of the Lucille Raines Board. I greet you in the hope that persons now reading this newsletter will find these words to be an uplifting message.

Recovery from the disease of addiction is a daily challenge that requires faith, spiritual growth, and perseverance. Praise God for the realization that “help” and “assistance” is needed. Reaching out for help when help is needed is an amazing accomplishment, and that’s where a refuge such as Lucille Raines Residence fits into the recovery scenario. Over 40 years of service to the community is truly a blessing.

I am in the process of getting to know my fellow board members and becoming better acquainted with the staff and residents of Raines. God has blessed me to make the time to serve for such a task as we have ahead of us. After all, “time” is our most valuable asset. We must make certain that we don’t take the “time” allotted to us here on earth for granted or waste it.

The Lucille Raines Board and Raines residents solicit your continued prayers, support and monetary help for the 2020 challenge of providing a comfortable and safe haven for those persons who need hope in the time of despair. It’s time to shine!

This Is My Wish For You:

“Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss you...
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,

Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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There is a commonality shared among those recovering from addiction—or perhaps even within those actively involved in addiction. Perhaps even in what might be called “The Circle of Life”. Truly all are created with this inevitable realization that life—its ups and its downs—is greater than oneself—the need is REAL for One Greater than oneself, a Higher Power as often referred to in the recovery community.

It is not uncommon to hear persons within the recovery community express anger and doubts about oneself, sometimes mingled with praise for a God who watches over them while in the pit of addiction.

- “But for the grace of God, I would not be here.”
- “God was with me those 50+ years that I used and abused.”
- “I was angry with myself for abuse done to me, believing I was to blame.”
- “I thought God couldn’t love me because I had done so many bad things.”
- “I was unable to forgive myself; how could God possibly forgive me.”
- “I don’t love myself; how could God possibly love me.”

The list could and does go on and on, often repeatedly. How many rock bottoms must one hit? How amazing that God uses every opportunity to accomplish His will. Such emotions stir within one’s soul the very desire for Divine Love, the love that has created and sustained us and continues to offer us fullness of life. “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” Jeremiah 31:3 NIV.

Residents, both former and current, extol gratitude for God’s prevenient grace that has been, is and continues to actively work restoration in their lives. Likewise, grateful hearts extol praise for YOU for providing Lucille Raines Residence. You are just one more extension of God’s love in “The Circle of Life” revealing God’s love. Thank you and God bless you!

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Did you know that in addition to housing a maximum of 49 residents, an additional 150 or more people enter Raines each week to participate in various ongoing recovery programs?

Thank you for your ongoing support to changing hearts and lives.
God Loves a Cheerful Giver

It’s lots of fun to be a Cheerful Giver when we see just how happy and appreciative the recipients are. I hope that is how you feel when you give your $10 asking, (per member, each year), or give an additional “undesignated” gift for Lucille Raines Residence support through your local UMW treasurer. A smile or grateful “Thank You” can only help us to be Cheerful Givers. Visit Raines for a Talk, Tour, Lunch and you will see genuine smiles and hear sincere thank yous in person. In doing so, you will experience firsthand the importance of giving to this amazing “Mission Project” in Indiana. You are part of a life-changing ministry. Contact Executive Director Carolyn Marshall to arrange a TTL, cost $8.

The appeals for increased support were well received in 2019. Many units and individuals responded with UNDESIGNATED or AS NEEDED funds—this is important as it helped to meet the budgeted amount of $102,000 for routine operations support.

Money earmarked for special projects can only be used for that specified purpose. For example, the recent mortar/tuck pointing project has now been completed. Funds remaining from that appeal will be held until additional such repair is contracted in the future.

The regular 2019 UMW giving to Raines was $84,795.78 and special giving was $18,295.86. This did cover the budgeted support of $102,000. The regular 2018 giving was $79,435.00 and special giving was $10,460.95. Though the amounts were up in 2019, we were unable to return to supporting OUR MISSION with $108,000 as we had done in previous years.

The sales of Lucinda Pins will end when the remaining supply is exhausted. Pins are no longer being made. There is a very limited supply of Cookbooks left to sell. Note paper is again available for sale. Birthday, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and Christmas cards are available for a minimum asking of $5. All items supplement the $10 per member asking.

Consider your local unit sponsoring a special fundraising event for Raines. Materials are available to help promote this project of UMW. Contact your district representative for assistance.

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For October 1—December 31, 2019, Raines received $37.23.
My name is Lawrence R. I was homeless for 13 years, living on the streets of downtown Indianapolis. I was abusing drugs and alcohol, which was how I became homeless. One day, in October 2009, I was tired of living on the streets and I needed to do something different or I was going to die on the streets. I decided that I needed treatment. Harbor Light was my only option, so I went there for treatment. After completing all the programs at Harbor Light, it was time for me to move on.

My counselor recommended Lucille Raines because I had employment. They offer 12 in-house recovery meetings per week for all fellowships and it was independent living. He arranged for me to have an interview. I was able to move in. It was the beginning of a new chapter in my recovery. Once I arrived at Lucille Raines, I began to fellowship with new people, I attended most of the meetings and I became Intergroup Rep. for the Saturday night meeting. I was also meeting new residents and sharing with them. Now I have new friends who want to live a life without drugs and alcohol.

Lucille Raines added another piece to my foundation by showing me that I can live without using and be happy. Life has its ups and downs and I can deal with problems and don’t even think about using any substances. Lucille Raines is a very supportive environment, from the board members to the residents. There’s always someone available to talk to if you are having problems. Since I’ve been here for awhile, I try to be supportive for the new residents. I need to give back what was given to me when I was in need.

NEW: Kroger Community Rewards Program Procedure Change

Shop Kroger and/or its affiliates? Important procedural change. . .shoppers now MUST REREISTER EACH YEAR.

New and continuing shoppers enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards Program must reregister each year. Not sure when that time might be? If Lucille Raines Residence is not displayed on the bottom of your Kroger cash register receipt, your purchase no longer benefits Raines. Link Lucille Raines Residence to your Kroger Card online or by phone.

www.kroger.com/communityrewards
OR call 1-866-221-4141 for assistance
Enter Organization’s name: Lucille Raines Residence, Inc.
& NPO number: PA342
Call 1.800.562.4438 if you encounter a problem.

For the last quarter of 2019, the amount of $297.23 was received from the Kroger Rewards program.
Please help spread the word.
This listing incorporates those gifting in addition to United Methodist Women’s commitment of $10.00 per member per year. Those giving to Money for Mortar are listed separately. We are deeply grateful for both regular and “second mile” support of the mission and ministry at Lucille Raines Residence.

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- Marilyn Bolinger
- Beth Brown
- Jerry W. Brown
- Cathy J. Burris
- Priscilla Campbell
- Elizabeth Cato
- Paul Chandler
- Kathie Clemenz
- Beth Compton
- Mary Jane Compton
- Marlene Crowder
- Judy Darr
- Laura Eller
- Judith Ellison
- Martha Farney
- Anne Furr
- Rita Gaither-Gant
- Diane Gattone
- Kenneth V. Gordon
- Pat Griswold
- Arjun Guha
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- Dan Hodges
- Elizabeth Handley Holmes
- Robert Raines/Cynthia Hirni
- S.A. Hand
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- Kathryn Lentz
- Steven & Lori McIntosh
- Maureen K. Mauzy
- Carolyn Mikesell
- Amy P. Myers
- Linda Mylet

**INDIVIDUALS, continued:**
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- Robert Raines Jr. & Family
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- Phyllis Rhodes
- Deneen Seright-Cave
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- Sarah Snell
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- Nina Taylor
- LaDonna Weber
- Lucia Wellington
- Catherine Whitted
- Denise Wilson

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- Auburn First
- Bainbridge
- Battle Ground
- Bedford First
- Bicknell
- Bloomington St. Mark’s
- Brimfield
- Brook
- Carmel St. Mark’s
- Central District
- Chesterton
- Churubusco
- Columbus First, Naomi Circle
- Cornerstone
- Cumberland
- Delphi
- East District
- Edwards Memorial
- Elkhart Trinity
- Fairview Guardian Angels
- Fishers
- Fort Wayne Aldersgate
- Fort Wayne Good Shepherd
- Fort Wayne Waynedale
- Franklin Grace, Friendship Circle
- Gosport
- Greenwood
- Griffith
- Hagerstown
- Hammond First
- Hebron
- Indianapolis Epworth, Celebration Circle
- Indianapolis Faith, Dora Circle
- Indianapolis Irvington
- Indianapolis North
- Indianapolis Old Bethel
- Indianapolis St. Luke’s
- Jacob Finger
- Jamestown
- Kokomo Grace
- Kokomo Shiloh
- LaFontaine
- LaFontaine, Wesleyan Circle
- LaGrange
- Marengo
- Martinsville
- Muncie Gethsemane
- Muncie High Street
- Nappanee
- New Burlington
- New Haven
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Poplar Grove
Putnamville
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South Bend Grace
South District
South Milford
South Pleasant
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Spencer
Star City
Stockwell
Tanner Valley
Terre Haute Centenary
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Walkerton
West District
West Point
Westchester
Wheeler
Whiting

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   Maureen Mauzy

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