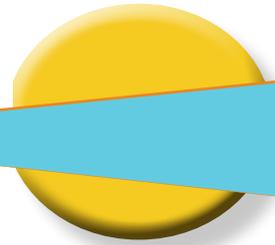




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April 2019



GOOD NEWS

INTERIM DIRECTOR NAMED

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee of First Wayne Street UMC has announced that church member Lynne Gilmore has been hired on a part-time, interim basis for the position of Director of Congregational Life and Nurture.

The committee continues the search for a full-time replacement for Anna Zartman, who retired March 31 after many faithful years of ministry. Lynne brings with her a breadth of leadership and non-profit experience, but also has chaired the Staff Parish Relations Committee and volunteered in ministry at the church.

After her retirement in December, Lynne said she had been praying to God for how he might be calling her to serve at the church and this is a great answer to prayer. In her half-time role, Lynne will work with the Children's Council and other ministry teams to "keep the train on the track" in areas of children and youth ministry and community events as well.

She will also assist in continuing to promote the search for a permanent, full-time candidate.

Welcome aboard, Lynne! We are blessed!

YOU CAN'T GET TO EASTER WITHOUT THE CROSS

Pastor Cheryl Garbe

It is always a challenge to craft worship as an authentic discipleship journey from Palm Sunday to Easter. On Palm Sunday, we will wave our palms and sing our "Hosannas" as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the last time, and yet, should we also include some reflection on his death on the cross on Palm Sunday for those who will not attend Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship?

After all, you cannot get to Easter without Good Friday.

You cannot go directly from Palm Sunday to the empty tomb because there is no Easter without the cross.

The full joy of Easter resurrection is lost without time spent reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice for us on Calvary.

This Palm Sunday, April 14, we will wave our palms and shout our "Hosannas" and we will touch on the story of the Cross. But I am inviting you to participate in the full discipleship experiences being offered during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 (6-8 pm). Come for a self-guided tour and choose what you want to experience: Receive Holy Communion, nail your sins to the cross, have your feet washed, take a prayer walk around the block and pray for others, or experience a candle-lit prayer



labyrinth on the third floor. Participate in one... or several! You decide. A guidebook will be provided.

Good Friday, April 19 (7 pm). Gather for a "Service of Shadows" in which we will reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross. Are you willing to spend some time with Jesus in his darkest hour?

Easter Sunday, April 21 (10 am). He is risen! He is risen indeed!

The children's council will host an Easter Egg hunt at 9 am prior to worship.

Invite a friend to experience Holy Week with you... all of Holy Week.

Easter blessings,
Pastor Cheryl

New group will help members through grief

First Wayne Street is starting a Grief Share group this spring. Look for additional details with place, time and dates to follow.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face grief challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

Videos. Each week (there are 13 weeks) your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects.

Discussion. After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in your

lives.

Personal study and reflection. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

As a congregation, please pray for this process and be aware of how you or someone else would benefit from God working in this meaningful way.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

MAY 1	MAY 9	MAY 17	MAY 25
Morning: I Kings 1,2 Evening: Luke 22:54-71	Morning: I Kings 19,20 Evening: John 2	Morning: II Kings 18,19 Evening: John 6:22-44	Morning: I Chron. 14 -16 Evening: John 9:24-41
MAY 2	MAY 10	MAY 18	MAY 26
Morning: I Kings 3-5 Evening: Luke 23:1-26	Morning: I Kings 21,22 Evening: John 3:1-21	Morning: II Kings 20-22 Evening: John 6:45-71	Morning: I Chron. 17 -19 Evening: John 10:1-21
MAY 3	MAY 11	MAY 19	MAY 27
Morning: I Kings 6,7 Evening: Luke 23:27-38	Morning: II Kings 1-3 Evening: John 3:1-21	Morning: II Kings 23-25 Evening: John 7:1-31	Morning: I Chron.20-22 Evening: John 10:22-42
MAY 4	MAY 12	MAY 20	MAY 28
Morning: I Kings 8,9 Evening: Luke 23:39-56	Morning: II Kings 4,5 Evening: John 4:1-30	Morning: I Chron. 1,2 Evening: John 7:32-53	Morning: I Chron.23-25 Evening: John 11:1 -17
MAY 5	MAY 13	MAY 21	MAY 29
Morning: I Kings 10,11 Evening: Luke 24:1-35	Morning: II Kings 6-8 Evening: John 4:31-54	Morning: I Chron.3-5 Evening: John 8:1-20	Morning: I Chron. 26,27 Evening: John 11:18-46
MAY 6	MAY 14	MAY 22	MAY 30
Morning: I Kings 12,13 Evening: Luke 24:36-53	Morning: II Kings 9-11 Evening: John 5:1-24	Morning: I Chron. 6,7 Evening: John 8:21-36	Morning: I Chron. 28,29 Evening: John 11:47-57
MAY 7	MAY 15	MAY 23	MAY 31
Morning: I Kings 14,15 Evening: John 1:1-28	Morning: II Kings 12-14 Evening: John 5:25-47	Morning: I Chron.8-10 Evening: John 8:37-59	Morning: II Chron.1-3 Evening: John 12:1-19
MAY 8	MAY 16	MAY 24	
Morning: I Kings 16-18 Evening: John 1:29-51	Morning: II Kings 15 -17 Evening: John 6:1-21	Morning: I Chron. 11 -13 Evening: John 9:1-23	

Labyrinth on loan from Trinity Episcopal

We will be blessed on to have the opportunity to experience a prayer labyrinth that will be installed on the third floor.

The labyrinth, which will be on a generous loan from our brothers and sisters at Trinity Episcopal Church, will be a part of services for Maundy Thursday, April 18 (6-8pm) and Good Friday, April 19 (5-7).

In ancient times, it was not always safe to travel to the Holy Land. So people of faith created their own "pilgrimage" with prayer labyrinths, which were often installed in the floors of churches.

A labyrinth is not a maze, but rather a set path with only one way in and one way out. You will enter the labyrinth and pray as you follow the path that is before you without seeing the whole route.

The center of the labyrinth represents God and the path is our own spiritual pilgrimage, sometimes getting close to God, sometimes feeling far away, and



never really know where the path will take us. After spending time in the center, you journey back out into the world.

This candle-lit prayer labyrinth will be one of several reflective "stations" in which you can participate on Maundy

Thursday, April 18 (6-8pm) and for two hours prior to the Good Friday service on April 19.

Hosts will be available to assist you and you should allow approximately 30 minutes for this very special prayer walk.

Follow up to the Special General Conference

In her sermon on Sunday, March 3, Pastor Cheryl offered some follow-up and reflections on the Special General Conference that was held in February in St. Louis to discuss the United Methodist Church's position in the Book of Discipline regarding sexual orientation, same-sex weddings in the church and the ordination of self-avowed, professing homosexuals. A text and the video of that sermon is available on the church website (www.fwsumc.org). The United Methodist News Service summarized the outcome in this way: "Bottom line: More than 53% of the multinational denomination's top lawmaking body supported the Traditional Plan that reinforces the church's bans on same-gender unions and 'self-avowed practicing' gay clergy. Still uncertain is how much of the legislation will take effect—or whether it will change the dynamic in places where a number of United Methodists, including entire

annual conferences, openly defy these rules. Late afternoon Feb. 26, delegates requested a declaratory decision by the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan."

She added that much of the Traditional Plan had been deemed unconstitutional prior to the conference, some portions of it were amended at the conference (some not) and at the end of the day, all of it (although legislatively passed by the conference) was referred to the Judicial Council (church's Supreme Court) to determine constitutionality. The Judicial Council will meet the end of April and the parts that do pass constitutional muster will not take effect until January 1, 2020. What we can say is that nothing changed the current restrictive language in the Book of Discipline. Legislation was also approved to permit a "gracious exit" for those to leave the denomination with their buildings and assets, who cannot in good

conscience abide by the decisions made. And because the regular quadrennial General Conference meets again in 2020, those on both sides of the issues are considering whether to leave the church or stay and continue affirming their positions... working to impact the election of delegates at annual conferences in June of this year, who will attend 2020 General Conference, which will have the authority to hash it all out again.

Pastor Cheryl reminds us that we have brothers and sisters in this congregation who out of faithfulness to Christ hold differing perspectives, who have friends and family members who are LGBTQ and who are LGBTQ and so we want to conduct ourselves with respect and love toward one another. She will keep us apprised as more information is known and anticipates facilitating continued discussion within the conversation.

Continue to keep all in prayer!

Children and Youth

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Our Mother's Day Bake Sale will be 9 to 11 am May 12. This is our annual fundraiser for Vacation Bible School. Sign up at the Information Table to let us know how many and what kind of tasty treat you are making to help support Vacation Bible School.

Thanks to the amazing First Wayne Street Family, we always have a great assortment of treats for you to take to your Mother's Day event, and we know this year will be no different! Thanks in advance for supporting this summer's VBS.

Child care provider needed for nursery

If you love little people (babies – 5-year-olds) then this might be the ministry for you.

We are looking for someone to be in the nursery two Sunday's a month. If you can only be in there one Sunday a month then please let us know that too. We might be able to work something out. Hours are from 8:30 to 11:15 am.

This is a paid position, and it does require a background check.

This is one of the places where first impressions really count so if you are a cheery person, love to play with our little ones and interact with parents then prayerfully consider this rewarding ministry.

For information, contact Ally Fortman at aktraceyl6@gmail.com

Rummage sale time

Start cleaning out your closets as it almost time to bring in your treasures for our annual Rummage Sale. It supports our children and youth programming throughout the year. Collection begins on Sunday, May 26.

If you are donating clothes, bring them in and place them on the table lined up in

the hallways behind the kitchen and by Cesar's office. All other boxed items go in the art room.

Mission Trip News

Youth director Kimberly Truesdell is in need of a male volunteer to chaperone the trip, which is June 9 to 15. This would be a great opportunity for college-age students, recent graduates or teachers.

For youth interested in the trip, it is not too late. We still have room on the roster! Come be a part of the excitement, connect with fellow youth and serve the community of urban Chicago. The cost of the trip is \$150. Final payments are due on April 30.

Great American Clean-up

The youth ministry is inviting members of the congregation to participate alongside them in the Great American Cleanup. We will pick a project in our neighborhood and complete it in the morning on May 4.

For more information, email Kim Truesdell at kmtruesdell@gmail.com.

Graduation Sunday

On May 5, we will honor all 2019 graduates during the Sunday service. We will celebrate with cake and punch afterward. If you will be graduating this year, please send an email to kmtruesdell@gmail.com so we can include you in the service.

Camp for kids

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp! Give your children an opportunity to explore nature, discover their faith, overcome challenges and realize their potential at camp this summer. Registration opens at BeACamper.com. Camp fills up fast! First Wayne Street pays 50% of the cost; use iCash code Wayne437 (the code is

case sensitive). Please take advantage of this faith-building experience. We have 100 percent scholarships available upon request. See Lynne Gilmore for the special code to be used.

If you have any questions about camp for your younger kids through fifth grade, as well as high school, talk to youth director Kim Truesdell.

Senior high students will go to camp the week of June 23.

Youth activities

A request from the group! On April 14, we will bike along the greenway. We will meet at church at 1 pm and enjoy Yummi Bunni afterward. In the event of bad weather, we will do another activity at church and still get Yummi Bunni.

May 17, we will meet at church at 7 pm for an evening scavenger hunt. Youth can be picked up at 9:30 pm at Coney Island.

Mission Possible Kids

Heads up! Our April and June activities are cancelled. April is packed with retirement party and Easter. In June, the Mission Possible Kids will participate in the water ministry at the farmers market.

The upcoming schedule will be determined by the children's council.

Families on Wayne Street

Your next family activity will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 21. Join us at 9 am in Fellowship Hall to decorate your bags before we head up to the third floor for the Easter Egg Hunt! Parents and kids will have an egg race at the end—always a good time!

Mark your calendar for May 19 for our annual zoo day excursion! Proceeds from our annual rummage sale pays for each family to get into the zoo. We will have a picnic outside of the zoo entrance. Email Virginia (krealutz@frontier.com) if you are able to come.

Making the Connection Spring Session

Financial Questions

Here is an opportunity to find some answers to your questions.

Robin K. Tribbett will present the following topics:

April 10: Estate Planning Basics for Everyone and Tax Planning Resources

April 17: Social Security and Medicare

April 24: Education Savings Alternative (5:30 to 6 pm) and Weathering Market Volatility (6 to 7 pm)

'Give It Up!'

Our Lenten Study will be based on the book, "Give It Up!"

The author, a United Methodist pastor, asks questions about our priorities to explore and to reflect on what we may be willing to give up. What holds your attention and occupies your mind? If your answer was your cell phone, TV, online gaming or Facebook, you could give it up for a week if you wanted to, right? But if

*Wednesdays,
through April 24*

challenged to do so, would you? What if saying "yes" to this challenge of letting go brought you closer to God? Join us on Wednesdays for a journey of self-discovery and learn how the power of "giving up" brings great gain in this five-week adult study for Lent. Each chapter offers questions for reflection and discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the week.

Leader: Pastor Denise Lapsley

HEALING SCHOOL

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Luke 1:37

Does Jesus still heal, today? Will Jesus heal me? Come join us as we review the healing ministry of Jesus as recorded in the NT Gospels. You will discover that healing belongs to everyone who comes to Jesus with a believing heart. This group will offer support and

encouragement as you make your healing journey.

*Leader: Cookye Rutledge
Forgiven Church, Associate Pastor*

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

5:45 – 6:15 pm Children's Choir

6:15 – 7 pm Crafts/Gym

7 – 7:30 pm Bells

As the children prepare for the Easter and Mother's Day worship service, they will also have practice May 1 and May 8.

Leaders: Phyllis Boester, music; Linda Elliott and Linda Sackman, crafts

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Fellowship, worship, service and study!

During the Wednesday night activities, youth will work on service projects, play fun games and help to prepare for VBS.

Youth will meet May 1 and 8.
Leader: Kim Truesdell

If you go

4 – 5:30 pm
"Give It Up!"

4 – 5:30 pm
"New Copernicans"
study continues
Led by Pastor Cheryl

5 – 6 pm
Shared Meal Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

6 – 7:30 pm
Healing School

6 – 7:30 pm
"Give It Up!"
6 – 7:30 pm
Financial Questions

**Class begins March 27*

6 – 7:30 pm
Children's activities

6 – 7:30 pm
Youth Fellowship

FIRST WAYNE STREET STAFF

Senior Minister: Rev. Cheryl Garbe

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Jan Funk

Ministry Staff

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Geoffrey North

Children's Choir Director: Phyllis Boester

Youth Director: Kim Truesdell

Support Staff

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Connie Boren

Head Custodian: Cesar Anzaldúa

Security Officer: Kenneth "Bart" Bartholomew

Communications Coordinator: Kim Truesdell

Childcare Providers

Jane Daniels, Greta Hall, Erikka Hall, Brooke Orellana,
Angi Reinking, Devany Reinking

Congregational Life

Mission offering

Associated Churches

Food Cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. We collected 157.6 lbs. of food in February. This includes Souper Bowl Sunday collection. Canned vegetables or fruits, peanut butter and cereal are always needed.

We will collect cans of tuna, mackerel, salmon, and boxes of crackers soon for the East Wayne Street Center for Lent.

Easter Candy Needed

Please help us out by donating individually wrapped Easter candy for our Easter egg hunt. Leave the candy in the container outside the office door starting February 24. We will continue collecting through April 20.

Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Gary and Greta Hall on the death of Greta's cousin, Janice Doehrmann, who passed away on Saturday, February 23.

Our sympathies to Carolyn and Charles Welch on the death of Carolyn's brother, Donald Fyfe, who passed away on Friday, February 22.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jonathan and Allison Lapsley on the birth of their son, Elias Kirk Lapsley, who was born on Friday, February 15. Proud grandparents are Al Lapsley and Denise Lapsley.

Congratulations to Nicholas and Claire Madison on the birth of their daughter, Gwendolyn Grace, who was born week of March 10. This is Pastor Greg and Lynn Enstrom's granddaughter and Peter's niece.

Thank you

Dear First Wayne Street United Methodist Church,

We want to thank you for your gift on March 1. We are thankful for the support of First Wayne Street. With your support and prayers we have had 63 baptisms so far this year. Your gift has helped us to continue to be able to minister in the jail.

*Serving Christ together,
Dick Sievers, Chaplain
Allen Co. Jail Chaplaincy*

I would like to thank Karen Clelland for her work as receptionist on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons. Her plans have changed and she will be going on to other things.

I would like to thank Cheryl Mathews for stepping in and filling this position on Thursday afternoons.

Connie Boren

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Debra Pollom; dpollom@hotmail.com
Devany Reinking; devanyreinking@yahoo.com

Stephen Ministry

The leader for the April 23 meeting will be Inez Burch.

Boomerangs

The Boomerang group will enjoy dinner and games on Friday, April 26.

The group will cater dinner and meet in the large parlor on the second floor. The cost of the meal, which will start at 5:30

pm, is \$7.50 per person. Games will be played between 6:30 and 9:30. We ask that you RSVP to either Jana or Pam no later than Monday, April 22nd so the right number of meals can be ordered.

We have several new members of the church who may be interested in the Boomerangs so please feel free to invite others who may be interested! See you soon!

UMW events

The United Methodist Women have several events planned for April.

Friday, April 5 – Saturday, April 6: Spiritual Growth Retreat Northeast District. The retreat will be at Don Hall's Guesthouse. The \$35 registration fee includes lunch on Saturday. The speaker is Rev. Shannon Stringer on the topic, "Called: Esther's Story in Today's World."

The UMW will host a bingo party on Monday, April 8 at Byron Heath Center. There will be a box to collect prizes outside the church office until Sunday, April 7. Appropriate prizes are; baseball caps, coins in a small baggie, small stuffed animals, costume jewelry, toiletries (non-alcoholic).

The Mary Ruth Fellowship and Hannah Fellowship will have a combined meeting at 11 am April 8 at Granite City restaurant, followed by a tour of Turnstone facility.

Saturday, April 13 will be the Spring Spiritual Enrichment Day Northeast District United Methodist Women at Covenant UMC, 10001 Coldwater Road. The speaker is Shannon Priddy, National President of UMW, on the topic "Celebrating 150 Years". Registration is \$5 and a free-will offering will be taken.

Good News deadline

DEADLINE for the MAY Good News is Monday, April 15.

Items can be dropped off at the church or office or e-mailed to Kim Truesdell at kmtruesdell@gmail.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.
Preschool Child Care
Praise Team Rehearsal

9 a.m.
Sunday School

9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

10 a.m.
Worship

11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Bells
Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

4p.m.
Making the Connection
Early Shift Class

5 p.m.
Meal

5:45 p.m.
Children's Rehearsal

6 p.m.
Healing School
Youth Fellowship
Late Shift Class

6:30 p.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal

7 p.m.
Gloria Ringers

7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Re-
hearsal

8:30 p.m.
Chamber Choir Re-
hearsal

MONTHLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 1

5:30 pm | Worship Planning
Meeting
B: Phillip Husband

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 am | UMW Exec. Mtg.
B: Marie Murdok

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Making the Connection re-
sumes next week.
B: Jack Larimer

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

B: Mel Hochstetler

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

B: Jerry Hertenstein

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

B: Janellyn Borden, Georgia
Sanders, Sam Schwartz

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Communion Sunday
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Cherub choir performs during
service
11:30 am | Anna Zartman's
Retirement Reception
B: Brayden Irelan

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6 pm | Staff Parish Meeting
B: Bernie Havens, Nan Stein-
bach

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

11 am | Mary Ruth and Hannah
Fellowship
B: Pam Reese, Bill Townsend

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

B : Posey Dodds, Shirley
Husband, Silas Truesdell

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

9:15 am | Staff Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

B: Marilyn Gross, Michael
Schmidt, Anna Zartman

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Palm Sunday
1 pm | Youth bike ride
B: Pat Gamble, Ella Miller

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Good News Deadline
6 pm | Trustees Committee
Meeting
B: Gayle Smith
A: Barclay and Erikka Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

B: Keith Monneyhan, Kim
Truesdell

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm | Maundy Thursday
Service
B: Jane Hanson, Victoria
Rogers

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Good Friday
Office Open Until Noon
7 pm | Good Friday Service
B: Dianne May, Jamie Wilkins

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

B: Greg Krouse, Susan
Stouder

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday
10 am | Confirmands received
into membership
Cherub choir sings during
service
B: Carrie Hogle

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Monday — Office
Closed
5:30 pm | Outreach Commit-
tee Meeting
A: DeWayne and Kay Ann
Schmidt

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

1 pm | Stephen Ministry
B: Daphne Coffman, Janet
Helfrich, Tom Sackman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Good News Mailers (am)
7:30 am | Finance Committee
Meeting
A: Philip and Karen Clelland

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:15 am | Staff Meeting
B: Linda Bewley

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

B: Al Fishburn

Saturday, April 27

B: Alison Schmidt

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

A: Mike and Mary Musson

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Good News Folders (pm)
B: Richard Sanders

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Our Sunday sermons are posted on our website every week. Go to FWSUMC.org and click on the "Sermons" tab on the home page. You can also go to the church's YouTube page. Just search for "First Wayne Street United Methodist Church." Contact the church office if you would like a DVD of a worship service or a printed copy of a particular sermon.