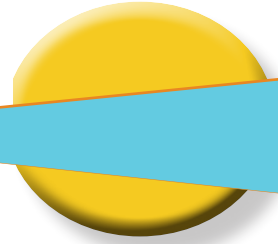




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November 2019

GOOD NEWS

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude is an amazing lens with which to view the world. When we focus on our blessings, we tend to be happier. When we realize how much we possess, we tend to be more thoughtful of those who have less. When we talk about the good together, we tend to appreciate each other more.

Being grateful is really about being more mindful. Perhaps this mindfulness will help us all to focus on the abundance in our lives and how we can share it with others. This November, engage in gratitude. And, remember, it only takes about thirty days for a new practice to become a habit. Thanks be to God!

Instead of Thanksgiving, it's Friendsgiving!

We will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, rolls and drinks. You can sign up to bring a vegetable or pies and other desserts!

This is a great day to invite friends. Let us know you are coming so we know how many turkeys to roast. Please bring a canned food item so that we can bless our less fortunate neighbors with a wonderful Thanksgiving.

When: Sunday, November 10, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

RSVP: Audra Reinders, areinders@fwsunc.org, or via the sign-up sheets on the table outside the sanctuary



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SERMONS ONLINE

Our Sunday sermons are posted on our website every week. Go to FWSUMC.org and click on the "Sermons" tab on the home page. Contact the church office if you would like a DVD of a worship service or a printed copy of a particular sermon.

Outreach celebrates successful summer

Thanks to the many FWS volunteers, we had another successful summer of sharing FWS hospitality and some chilled water with thousands of street market shoppers and vendors. During the 15 Saturdays (with 1 partial rainout) from Memorial Day through Labor Day, we handed out about 10,660 bottles of water! We had 28 adults and 5 children/youth volunteers to greet and hand-out bottled

water to visitors.

Thanks to volunteers: Ben Bailey, Laurie and Emma Bailey, Carlene and Jacki Byers, Arthur Cordova, Rosie Cox, Jane Daniels, Adam and Landon Daniels, Al Fishburn, Bryan Gibson, Lynne Gilmore, Greg and Edith Goetterman, Gary Hall, Luke and Michael Hall, Mel Jones, Ron and Elaine Marker, Cheryl Mathews, Cathy Norton, Justin and Jennifer Pose (also

Joseph & Jennavieve), Jana Powell, Jan Taylor, Tom Sackman, Sheila Stahl, Roger Zartman and Cesar Anzaldúa.

In particular: Mel Jones and Gary Hall, who volunteered 8 and 6 Saturdays respectively; and to Cesar, who made sure we had at least 700 bottles of water chilled each week. Thank you for sharing your time and friendliness.

– Dan Daniels

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 25
Morning: Ezek. 45,46 Evening: II Peter 3	Morning: Hosea 1-4 Evening: Jude 1	Morning: Obad. 1 Evening: Rev. 8	Morning: Haggai 1,2 Evening: Rev. 16
DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 26
Morning: Ezek. 47,48 Evening: I John 1	Morning: Hosea 5 - 8 Evening: Rev. 1	Morning: Jonah 1-4 Evening: Rev. 9	Morning: Zech. 1-3 Evening: Rev. 17
DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 27
Morning: Daniel 1,2 Evening: I John 2	Morning: Hosea 9 -11 Evening: Rev. 2	Morning: Micah 1-3 Evening: Rev. 10	Morning: Zech. 4-6 Evening: Rev. 18
DECEMBER 4	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 28
Morning: Daniel 3,4 Evening: I John 3	Morning: Hosea 12 -14 Evening: Rev. 3	Morning: Micah 4,5 Evening: Rev. 11	Morning: Zech. 7-9 Evening: Rev. 19
DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 29
Morning: Daniel 5,6 Evening: I John 4	Morning: Joel 1-3 Evening: Rev. 4	Morning: Micah 6,7 Evening: Rev. 12	Morning: Zech. 10 -12 Evening: Rev. 20
DECEMBER 6	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 30
Morning: Daniel 7,8 Evening: I John 5	Morning: Amos 1-3 Evening: Rev. 5	Morning: Nahum 1-3 Evening: Rev. 13	Morning: Zech. 13,14 Evening: Rev. 21
DECEMBER 7	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 23	DECEMBER 31
Morning: Daniel 9,10 Evening: II John 1	Morning: Amos 4-6 Evening: Rev. 6	Morning: Habak. 1-3 Evening: Rev. 14	Morning: Malachi 1-4 Evening: Rev. 22
DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 24	
Morning: Daniel 11,12 Evening: III John 1	Morning: Amos 7-9 Evening: Rev. 7	Morning: Zeph. 1-3 Evening: Rev. 15	

Making the Connection — Fall II

Four-week session begins November 6, ends Dec. 4

Afternoon Fellowship

4:00-5:30p.m.

“Geography of God: Exploring the Christian Journey”

Room: 2nd Floor Parlor

This class continues from last session:

A Geography of God: Exploring the Christian Journey, by Rev. Michael Lindvall, former pastor at First Pres. In Fort Wayne, takes the reader on “a journey across the wild, unpredictable, and finally, joyful landscape of the Christian Life. Saints, poets, novelists and theologians are the fascinating travel companions along the way.”

Leader: Pastor Cheryl Garbe

Advent Study: God Is With Us

An advent study that will encourage you to “explore your longing for God’s presence through a study of the Lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas.”

Leaders: Rev. Denise Lapsley, Rev. Tom Rough, and Rev. Mike Harris

GriefShare

Room 220

A continuing 13-week grief recovery support group where you can find help

and healing for the hurt of a losing a loved one.

Cost: \$15

Leader: Pastor Jan Funk

3:00-5:00 p.m.

(This course runs for 13 consecutive weeks, from September 18-December 11, 2019)

Shared Meal Fellowship

A light meal is served from 5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a “free will” offering.

Evening Session

6:00 p.m.

“Geography of God: Exploring the Christian Journey”

Friendsgiving Centerpiece Jar Art

Room 115

Are you crafty? Come make a neat Fall centerpiece to adorn our “Friendsgiving” tables! The centerpiece you make in this one-session class will be used for our “Friendsgiving” supper on November 10. Supplies will be provided.

Leader: Linda Elliott

(One-session class on November 6)

Healing School

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.

Leader: Cookye Rutledge

Family Gingerbread Houses

Bring the whole family along and make a gingerbread house together to take home for the holidays! Each family will use icing, candies, and creativity to decorate a gingerbread house.

Cost: \$10, pre-registration required

Leader: Audra Reinders

(One-session activity on December 4)

Children’s Activities

3rd Floor Music activities include choir and bells; Mission Possible Kids

NOTE: Children will also be meeting December 11, 14, and 18 for Musical and Christmas service rehearsals. See Phyllis Boester for more information

Youth Activities

Third Floor

A gathering time for fellowship, study, and fun led by Kim Truesdell, Director of Youth Ministry.

Children’s Ministry

Mission Possible Kids is off to a great start! This program is running during Making the Connection on Wednesday evenings, and we have had as many as 10 kids participate so far.

The focus of Mission Possible Kids is outreach in our local and global community, with an emphasis on children

helping children through mission work.

Our first project of the year was “Bandanna Buddies for Honduras,” which involved our children making dolls out of bandannas and ribbon.

These dolls will be sent to Honduras via a mission organization in Virginia, and

they will be given to children along with food and basic medical supplies.

Our Mission Focus for November will be assembling “Busy Bags” for children in local hospitals, and making cards and pictures for Pastor Jan to distribute on her congregational care visits.

Share joy this holiday season

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with local families who are facing challenging circumstances this holiday season.

The Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex throughout the month of November. The children's ministry and the ROCK Sunday school class, in association with the Christmas Bureau, organize this annual mission project.

Various tags with individual gift information pertaining to the chosen family's needs/wants are hanging on the tree.

To participate in this ministry, just follow these simple steps:

1) Select an ornament and item tag from the tree in the Narthex.

2) Buy the item listed on the tag, gift wrap it and attach the original tag to the front of the gift. The ornament is yours to keep, made by our church children as a thank-you!

3) Return the gift to the tree no later than November 24.

If you choose to buy clothing, please include a gift receipt so that they may exchange it if it's not the right size. In addition to tagged items, the family is in need of the following items: household cleaners, plates, cups, and towels.

To make a monetary donation for groceries, please see Audra Reinders.

Each year, the Allen County Christmas Bureau helps hundreds of families. Social service agencies select those who are most in need.



Build Your Advent Wreath

11:30 am Sunday, November 24

Families of all kinds are invited to stay after worship for a hot dog lunch followed by making your own Advent wreath. Learn about the meaning of the Advent wreath as you assemble your own! Pre-registration required.

(\$5 suggested donation per family for lunch and supplies)

Family Gingerbread Houses

6:30 pm Wednesday, December 4

Bring the whole family and make a gingerbread house together to take home! Each family (or individual) will use icing, candies, and creativity to decorate a gingerbread house.

(Cost: \$10 pre-registration required)

"The Littlest Angel Choir" musical

10 am Sunday, December 15

Worship on Sunday morning will include

a FWS youth and children's musical presentation of "The Littlest Angel Choir". Invite family and friends as we celebrate the Christmas season!

Christmas concert

7 pm Sunday, December 15

The First Wayne Street UMC Chamber Choir will perform a concert of Christmas choral music. This concert will feature the Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, accompanied by Anne Preucil Wellen on harp, and other seasonal music, including music by Victoria, Stopford, Paulus, Willan and more. Admission is free; join us!

Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Worship

7 pm Tuesday, December 24

Include this special time of worship in your Christmas planning as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table!

What Should God's Church Look Like

A project led by Rev. Mike Harris, retired UMC elder

We live in decisive times.

Our futures in The United Methodist Church are in the process of being determined by decisions being made and supported by people like us.

Whether or not these proposed changes ever occur, our choices will have helped create a direction for God's Church. Why did we choose a certain direction—or not? Christians, maybe United Methodists, years from now may want to better understand how we reached our conclusions so that they may, in other challenges, better reach theirs. Sometimes it is in hearing the opinions and stories of other Christians, that our own ideas are affirmed or changed.

We do not have many personal statements from the time of the split in the Methodist Episcopal Church due to slavery. Those narratives might have helped us in our decision-making today. This is our opportunity to write history for today:

To share our views with each other

To share how God is guiding us



To share how God's word has led us in confusing and difficult times

Pastor Cheryl, Ad Council Chair Cory Miller and Lay Leader Ron Marker have shared their expectations that some sort of vote will be needed by members of First Wayne Street UMC in the future, to determine our direction in response to the outcome of General Conference 2020. This collection of insights, narratives, meditations and scriptural interpretations may be useful in comprehending who we are as a congregation and where we stand on this historic choice. It will give us the chance to listen in on one another's thoughts and experiences.

If you are willing to share your

feelings, experiences and/or spiritual insights on the UMC's position on homosexuality or what you feel or hope for the future, you are invited to write them out and drop them off at the Welcome Center or email them to Rev. Harris at barbmike55@gmail.com. You may sign your name or remain anonymous. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center to help guide your writing with questions for you to consider as you write. Rev. Harris will be compiling the responses and making them available periodically so that you can read what your brothers and sisters in Christ have to say.

Remember, as the denomination decides how it will move forward, annual conferences, individual congregations, church members and clergy will have to decide how they will move forward. Think about sharing your reasons with the rest of us. You may help us make a choice.

Questions? Feel free to email Pastor Mike (barbmike55@gmail.com) or call him at 415-1627.

FIRST WAYNE STREET STAFF

Senior Minister: Rev. Cheryl Garbe

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Jan Funk

Ministry Staff

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Geoffrey North

Director of Congregational Life & Nurture:

Audra Reinders

Children's Choir Director: Phyllis Boester

Youth Director: Kim Truesdell

Support Staff

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Connie Boren

Head Custodian: Cesar Anzaldua

Security Officer: Kenneth "Bart" Bartholomew

Communications Coordinator: Kim Truesdell

Childcare Providers

Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,

Angi Reinking, Devany Reinking

Congregational Life

Mission Offering

The Outreach focus mission for the month of November is The Rescue Mission. Pastor Donovan will be our outreach speaker on November 10.

November 16-24 is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week.

Food Cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In September, we collected 49.03 lbs. of food.

Prayer Concerns

Our sympathies to family of Marjorie Wakeman who passed away on Monday, October 7. There will be a memorial service in the future.

Praises

Congratulations to Paul and Michele Musson on the birth of their son, George Patrick. Proud grandparents are Mike and Mary Musson.

Address Changes

Andrew Johnson; 827 West Wayne St., Apt. 4; Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (father's address)

Pat Lee; 2209 St. Joe Center Road, Apt. 180SW; Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Pam Musick; no longer has landline

Robert & Carolyn Parrot; seasonal; 19807 Vintage Trace Cir.; Estero, FL 33967-5534

Dwight & Delania Thomas; 2925 Seafarer Cove; Fort Wayne, IN 46815-8520

Aaron & Heather Tribbett; 95-920 Wikao Street, AI03; Mililani, HI 96789

Help Needed - Receptionist

All Tuesday mornings are open. If you can volunteer two days a month, that would be great! This is the day

that I work entering contributions and doing payables, both things that require concentration for accuracy. Thanks for your consideration.

Connie Boren
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Stephen Ministry News

Ongoing Grief Support Groups: For those wanting support past what we offer here, there are many choices in the area:

Grief Support Group, Monday evenings from 7-8:30p.m. (loss due to death) Held at Ivy Tech's Aviation Center at Smith Field; 405 West Cook Road.

More places will be found in the next Good News.

Good News Deadline

DEADLINE for the DECEMBER Good News is Friday, November 8. Items should be e-mailed to Kim Truesdell, our newsletter Editor, at kmtruesdell@gmail.com or dropped off in the office.

Lost and Found

Below is a list of items in our Lost and Found drawer. The Lost and Found drawer is located in the bottom drawer of the credenza in the front office (where the coffee maker is). Please check to see if any items are yours:

White long sleeve shirt with green and gray print (football regional champs 2003)

Plastic purple casserole lid

Jr. med. blue shirt with basketball design

Child's size 5 shiny sandal

New:

Black umbrella (SNB on it), blue tablecloth, XL light yellow jacket, med. camouflage hat, blue patterned tie, red truck toy, 26/28 maroon jacket and several long umbrellas

Any items left after November will be given to Goodwill.

Thank You

Dear First Wayne Street Family,

Thank you so much for supporting Brandon's Buddy Walk team. This was a special year being the 21st Annual Walk honoring the 21st chromosome three copies creating Down Syndrome. With your support our team raised \$1,504 and the overall Buddy Walk total was \$93,510. Our hearts are forever touched by everyone's support.

Many Blessings.

DeWayne, KayAnn, Joshua, Elizabeth and Brandon Schmidt

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who attended our 60th wedding anniversary at Story Point or sent cards or made phone calls. We appreciate the love and support we have always received from our First Wayne Street Family.

Pat and Tom Gamble

Dear First Wayne Street UMC,

Thanks to your wonderful support, Ellis, a Rescue Mission graduate, is now living a life that's been changed for good, and he's inspiring men who are currently in the program at The Rescue Mission. Your support made that possible! May God bless you!

In the loving name of Jesus,

Rev. Donovan Coley, CEO/Senior Pastor
(This latest gift to The Rescue Mission was from the children/youth's tithe from the Rummage Sale proceeds.)

Dear First Wayne Street UMC,

Thank you very much for everything! Thanks for getting our school year started with the fabulous Prayer Breakfast. Indian Village is very lucky to have First Wayne Street's partnership.

We greatly appreciate all of the donations of school supplies and the money that helped purchase our staff shirts. Your kindness, support and help are very much appreciated."

Principal Kara Miller and the Indian Village Elementary School staff

Monthly Calendar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1 pm Charge Conference at First Auburn UMC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends
All Saints Sunday
Communion Sunday
11:30 am Youth Office Games

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 am UMW Executive Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Good News Deadline

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:30 am Friendsgiving

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day
6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10 am Mary Ruth Fellowship
11:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Hannah Fellowship

WEEKLY EVENTS WEDNESDAYS

3 pm GriefShare
4 pm Making the Connection Early Class
5 pm Community Meal
5:30 pm Children's Activities
6 pm Healing School
6 pm Youth Fellowship
6 pm MTC Late Class
6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:30 pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAYS

8:30 am Preschool Child Care
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5 pm Youth Lock Out

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6 pm Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Good News Folders (pm)
10 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Good News Mailers (am)
7:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:30 pm Life at the Table

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Christ the King Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
UMW Holiday Bazaar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Making the Connection resumes next week.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Office Closed

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 6: Tim and Robin Tribbett
Nov. 16: Geoffrey and Jessie North
Nov. 18: Ben and Robin Hermann
Nov. 19: Dale McKee and Marilyn Green
Nov. 24: Roger and Elaine Thieme
Nov. 25: Ron and Laurie Luebcke
Nov. 26: Dick and Judy Peiserich
Nov. 27: Scott and Joan Pattison

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 2: Daniel Gerber, Karla Hofherr
Nov. 3: Denise Kreamer
Nov. 5: Gary Carnes
Nov. 7: Marilyn Parrish, Floyd Wright
Nov. 8: William Richter
Nov. 10: Lucas Vachon
Nov. 11: Pat Lee
Nov. 12: Oliver Reinking
Nov. 14: Sarah Gerber-Hirschy, Virginia Kreamer-Lutz, Brooke Orellana

Nov. 17: Maleah Hermann, Tessa Mroczkowski
Nov. 18: Marj Gamble
Nov. 19: Sara Mroczkowski
Nov. 20: Margaret McKay
Nov. 22: Robert Parrot, Linda Sackman
Nov. 23: David Phillips
Nov. 27: Patricia Burtnette, Jenavieve Pose, Tim Tribbett
Nov. 28: Robin Hermann
Nov. 29 Lucas Schmidt, Delania Thomas

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Celebrate the birth of Jesus this holiday season with your First Wayne Street family!

Find information about events and save the date on page 4.