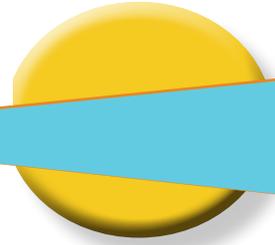




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November 2021

GOOD NEWS

BECOME A LIGHT

Dear friends,

During the month of November, we often pause to count our blessings and offer our thanks to God. As we consider the many ways in which God has blessed us, I would like us to consider ways that we can be a blessing to those around us. One of the ways we can bless our neighbors is to be praying for them.

The “Bless Every Home” initiative is a call to action for every member of our church to be in prayer for our neighbors! Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

The Lord planted our church where we are to help our neighbors discover the light of life. So, we’re asking each member of our church to consider becoming a “light” to their neighbors and living intentional



pray-care-share lifestyles.

As we pray for our neighbors, I would encourage each of us to be looking for opportunities to have meaningful conversations with our neighbors. Maybe you will discover ways to care for your neighbors and even extend an invitation for them to join us at First Wayne Street.

Becoming a “light” is free and confidential. You’ll receive a map and list of your closest neighbors, along with emails at the frequency of your choice to

pray for your next five neighbors that day. When you get a chance, walk or drive by those homes as you pray for them.

To learn more about this opportunity, go to Blesseveryhome.com/light and watch the two-minute video by Stephen Kendrick. When you are ready to get started, click the sign-up button.

May God bless you as you bless your neighbors,

Pastor Jason

HOLIDAYS AT FIRST WAYNE

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.
3. Return the gift to the tree no later than Tuesday, November 30.

If you choose to buy clothing, please include a gift receipt so that they may exchange it if it's not the correct size. In addition to the tagged items, we are also collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, and laundry detergent for the family.

With the current pandemic, we understand that many people are still hesitant to go to the store and shop. We are encouraging those who would like to participate but are unable or uncomfortable shopping for items to give a monetary donation towards items for the Giving Tree.

The money will be matched with Giving Tree tags and those specific items will be purchased, wrapped, and placed under the tree for you!



Hosanna and Timothy Noble will perform a Christmas concert at First Wayne Street UMC on Friday, Dec. 3.

Monetary donations can be dropped off in-person or mailed to the church office. Please make checks payable to "First Wayne Street," and designate any donations to "Giving Tree" in the memo line. Please contact Audra for more information. Monetary donations for groceries are also encouraged.

Each year, the Allen County Christmas Bureau helps hundreds of families. Social service agencies select those that have the greatest need.

A big thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful ministry!

Boomerangs Christmas Concert

7 pm Friday, December 3

Cost: Love donation

Ohio-based musicians Timothy and Hosanna Noble are known for their powerful, moving presentations. The concert will feature traditional Christmas music, some newer sacred

Christmas songs as well as a few secular favorites.

Timothy plays the piano and Hosanna accompanies him on the violin.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are required; search the event on Eventbrite.com to reserve your spot. A limited number of reserve tickets will be available in the church office.

Family Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop

6:30 pm Wednesday, December 8

Cost per family: \$10

Families can spend a fun time together decorating a premade Gingerbread house to take home for the Christmas season!

Pre-registration is required.

We will also have a Christmas song sing-along during the Gather worship.

Youth news

Youth leader Truesdell celebrates 5 years

Kim Truesdell began working as the Youth Director at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church on October 16, 2016.

During her five years with our church, she has provided leadership, inspiration, creativity, and friendship to the youth of our congregation.

She has accompanied them on work missions, challenged them to think about their faith, and perhaps most important, listened to what they have to say.

Please take a few moments to stop and thank her for her service.

Gratitude gala

Youth are invited to participate in a "gratitude gala" on November 21 after church.

The event will combine fun,

fellowship, and service in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

A meal will be provided but youth are encouraged to bring a snack or treat to share with the group.

Upcoming activities

December 21 — The Shortest Day. This is a multi-church event that is being organized by St. Joe UMC.

January 2 — Day at the movies. Watch "The American Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story." The movie is about Warner, who overcomes years of challenges and setbacks to become a two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl champion, and Hall of Fame quarterback.

January 14/15 — Winter Lock-out 7pm to 8 am. This is also a multi-church collaboration. The night will include worship, the church hop loop, decorate rides, drive thru challenge, treasure hunt, sardines.

Is that really in our Bible?

The Koinonia Class is offering a tantalizing study of both the most-read and perhaps never-read stories in our Bible.

Each month, we will consider stories of GOOD and EVIL as we seek to understand why God has given us these stories.

In November, we will consider God's warnings and promises to the First Family, AND we will attempt to understand what really happened to Dinah.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class is comprised of adults who enjoy a variety of topics and outreach ministry, and has shared leadership. Class covers a diverse set of interests, with most weekly classes focused on a "stand alone" subject.

This class is also involved in tutoring at Indian Village Elementary School, supporting families during the Christmas season, and other endeavors.

The class meets at 9 am Sundays in Room 115.

Please join us in person or online:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846374511?pwd=WTEveWZINWd5ZjhhZTBFBkTd3a3U5dz09>

Meeting ID: 838 4637 4511

Passcode: 562236



Congregational Life

Mission Offering

The mission focus of November will be the Rescue Mission.

Hundreds of our neighbors have lost hope on the streets. Veterans who fought for our freedom are now fighting for a place to call home. People with disabilities, our community's most vulnerable, and others find themselves chronically homeless and hungry. Combating this crisis in Fort Wayne is a core ministry of the Rescue Mission.

The official Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is November 13 – 21, 2021, but we at FWS will use the month of November to gather resources needed by the Rescue Mission to fight these problems during the cold winter season. Please pray for this ministry, volunteer if able, and donate generously to this fund drive.

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 47 lbs. of food.

Praises

Congratulations to Daniel and Maria Treace on the birth of their son, Leith (pronounced like Faith), who was born on Tuesday, October 12. Proud grandparents are Doug and Karla Hofherr; proud uncle is Nathan Hofherr. Proud siblings are Brayden and Macie.

Dear First Wayne Street,

Thank you for supporting our youth and the mission of the United Methodist Youth Home through this year's Annual Conference special offering. Every day there are youth that are lost, afraid, and in need of hope. Your support is a big reason that we are still here! For more information about us, visit our web page:

www.umym.org

Kelley Tenbarge, Development Assistant,
UMYH, Evansville, IN

Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Eva Bender on the death of her husband, Bill, who passed away on Sept. 11. This was also Sandra Billingslea's brother-in-law.

Our sympathies to Jana Powell on the death of her brother-in-law, Roland Powell, who passed away on Sept. 22.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Green McKee on the death of her great niece, Macy Miller, who passed away on Sept. 21. She was only 18.

Our sympathies to family and friends of Jeffrey Timmons who passed away on Sunday, September 26. He had been quite active in attendance here in 2015. A family member wanted us to know.

Our sympathies to Ann Carnes on the death of her husband, Gary, who passed away on Sept. 30. He was also Inez Burch's brother.

Our sympathies to Janet Holloway and Becky Wieser on the death of their relative, Robert Fenstermacher, who passed away on Oct. 3.

Devotionals available

The Upper Room devotionals are available in the literature rack by the coat racks.

Address changes

Scott Berns; 750 Lebanon Street;
Monroe, OH 45050-1439

Ann Carnes; 6723 S. Anthony Blvd.; Fort
Wayne, IN 46816 (Lutheran Life Village)

Becky Coldren; no longer has landline
Bill & Donna Lou Imler; 2209 St. Joe Ctr.
Rd., Apt. 241S; Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Donna Shady; 9010 S. Bay Court; New
Haven, IN 46774

Max & Gayle Smith; using landline again
(260) 483-9116

Carolyn Welch; 723 Water Street, Apt.
3005; Excelsior, MN 55331

Poinsettias for Christmas

It's time once again to begin preparation for Christmas. The poinsettias are 6" red for \$15 and 8" red for \$35. Form is enclosed in this newsletter. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 10.

UMW News

Executive Meeting – Tuesday, November 2, 9:30 a.m. in Room 115

Mission Meeting on Tuesday, November 9 – This meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Their speaker will be from the YWCA women's shelter.

The UMW Holiday Bazaar will return this year. On Sundays, November 21, December 12 and 19, there will be sweet treats (including pie by the slice) and small craft items for sale. They will be available starting at 9 a.m. and available after the worship service. Proceeds benefit UMW mission projects. To contribute craft items, contact Elaine Marker at 755-0220 or 466-6347.

Good News Deadline

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

Monthly Calendar

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:30 am UMW Exec. Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Turn the clocks back 1 hour tonight!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

All Saints Sunday

Daylight savings ends

7 pm Charge Conference Meeting via Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:30 pm Staff Parish (reviews)

5:30 pm Staff Parish (reviews)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11:30 am Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:30 am Preschool Child Care

9 am Sunday School

10 am Worship (in-person and online)

11 am Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

4 pm FaithShare

5 pm Gather fellowship begins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Good News Folders (pm)

6 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Good News Mailers (am)

7:30 am Finance Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Christ the King Sunday

UMW Bazaar

11 am Youth Gratitude Gala

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

11:30 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Gather will be back next week

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent

ANNIVERSARIES

November 3: Dan & Stephanie Bellinger

November 6: Tim & Robin Tribbett

November 16: Geoffrey & Jessie North

November 18: Ben & Robin Hermann

November 19: Dale McKee & Marilyn Green

November 24: Roger & Elaine Thieme

November 25: Ron & Laurie Luebcke

November 26: Dick & Judy Peiserich

November 27: Scott & Joan Pattison

BIRTHDAYS

November 2: Daniel Gerber, Karla Hoffherr

November 7: Marilyn Parrish, Floyd Wright

November 10: Lucas Vachon

November 11: Pat Lee, Ryan Stark

November 12: Oliver Reinking

November 14: Sarah Gerber-Hirschy, Virginia Creamer-Lutz, Kay Mannen, Brooke Orellana

November 15: Dona Lou Imler

November 16: C. David Jones

November 17: Maleah Hermann, Tessa Mroczkowski

November 18: Marj Gamble

November 19: Sara Mroczkowski

November 20: Margaret McKay

November 22: Robert Parrot

November 23: David Phillips

November 27: Patricia Burtnette, Jenavieve Pose, Tim Tribbett

November 28: Robin Hermann

November 29: Lucas Schmidt, Delania Thomas

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