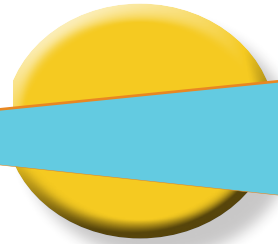




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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September 2021

## GOOD NEWS

# Worship with us

Worship services are at 10 am Sundays. You can also watch online via our YouTube channel. At First Wayne Street, we are committed to “do no harm” as we strive to “love our neighbors.” With that, we strongly encourage the use of masks for all persons ages 2 and up (regardless of vaccination status).



## THE WORD

September 5  
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

September 12  
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-4; I John 3:11-18

September 19  
Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

September 26  
Scripture: Pastor's Choice

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# Share time, talents as volunteer

## Sunday school teachers and assistants

Our Children's Sunday school ministry needs people to help team-teach. Volunteers would assist in the Sunday School classroom on a part-time basis. To participate in this ministry, volunteers need to have been part of First Wayne for a minimum of one year and must complete a background check.

## Wednesday night

We have several areas of ministry during our Wednesday night Ministry (\*plug-in the new ministry name). Areas include:

Children's Choir assistant (basically be the extra adult in the room while children rehearse; no music experience needed)

Cooks for the Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday night meal cleanup

Children and Youth volunteers

## Nursery staff position

First Wayne Street is looking to grow our Nursery Staff. We are looking for an individual 18 yrs. or older to work in the nursery a minimum of two Sundays a month. This is a paid position and requires a background check. If you are interested or know a qualified candidate, please contact Audra for more information.

# Mark your calendar

## Meet and greet

Staff Parish is hosting a meet and greet after service on Sept. 19 in Fellowship Hall.

This event will be an opportunity to meet the families of Pastor Jason and Pastor Dan, as well as new members.

Join us for cookies, punch, and fellowship.

## WOWS concert series

Every Wednesday in October, First Wayne Street will host a 30-minute concert. The performances, which will begin at 12:15 pm, showcase local musicians. The concerts will be in the sanctuary.

## Fright Night

The church will collaborate with the downtown YMCA branch for this day of family fun. Fright Night will be Oct. 15. Stay tuned for more information!





*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

Matthew 18:20

# Time to ‘Gather’

This Fall, we will be taking our Wednesday evening ministry programming in a new direction. With a new direction comes a new name, Gather!

Whenever we start a new ministry, I’m reminded of 2 Corinthians 5:17. “So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!” We celebrate both “Making the Connection” and “Life at the Table.” These were wonderful ministries that served a great purpose in the life of First Wayne Street. At this time, we believe that God is leading us in a new direction.

Dictionary.com defines “gather” in the following ways, “to bring together into one group, collection, or place; to bring together or assemble from various places, sources, or people; collect gradually.”

This definition truly reflects what we desire to see happen on Wednesday evenings at First Wayne Street. Taking lessons learned from “Making the Connection” and “Life at the Table,” we prayerfully hope to see our church and community to come together to enjoy food, fellowship, worship, conversation, prayer and Bible study. In many ways,

Gather will provide a “dinner church” opportunity for those seeking an alternative or supplement to Sunday morning worship.

While Gather will take some of our programming in a new direction, there will be many aspects that will remain. We will continue to offer outstanding programs for our children and youth. The music ministry will continue offering opportunities for praise team, handbells and choir.

Most of the changes impact our adult programming. As the children are dismissed to their special programs, we will continue to gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for a time of acoustic, contemporary worship. Don’t worry, I won’t bring my banjo (well, at least not in the first month!). We will provide some thoughtful topics and questions to spur on conversations with your family and friends gathered around the table. We will have a time to share together in prayer. We will study the Scriptures together. In September, we will begin a journey through the book of Acts.

I hope that you will join us for Gather beginning Wednesday, September 15!

## GATHER SCHEDULE

5 PM

Light meal

6-6:30 PM

4 yrs-3rd grade: Choir  
4th and 5th grade: MPKids  
Youth devotional

6:30-7 PM

4th-8th grade: Choir  
4 yrs-3rd grade: MPKids and/or other activities  
Senior high: Fellowship

7-7:30 PM

2nd grade and older: Bells  
Younger children: Gym time  
Youth fellowship

## NOTES

No meeting on November 24 (Thanksgiving)

Last meeting December 15

## Congregational Life

### Mission offering

Redemption House is a transition home for women that serves as an alternative to incarceration. Residents seek to redeem their lives from past destructive behavior by developing a faith-based lifestyle and by gaining the skills needed to live successfully on their own.

All of the residents are assigned by the court system and Redemption House screens all of the women and chooses whether or not to take them. Some of the women have been incarcerated for a while; others come to us straight from sentencing. Court-imposed conditions vary in strictness from person to person.

The women are grateful to be at Redemption House, recognizing it as a chance for a fresh start.

### Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In July, we collected 85.85 lbs. of food.

### Praises

Congratulations to Jacob and Ashlee Hargens on the birth of their son, Jaxon Ace, who was born on Friday, July 16.

### Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Mae Belle Havens on the death of her husband, Bernie, who passed away on Saturday, July 24.

Our sympathies to Liz Machgan on the death of her husband, Jerry, who passed away on Thursday, July 15. Jerry was the Visitation Pastor here from 1995 to 2001.

### Address changes

Tonya Bradley; Apt. 724 (only change)  
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Eric & Mary Ehlers; P. O. Box 683;  
Crawfordsville, TN 47933

Bob Morris; robdon413@gmail.com  
Rob & Cindy Nolot; 9715 Kalmia Court;  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804-5256

Elizabeth Sidell; 530 West Berry Street,  
#403; Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Max & Gayle Smith no longer have a  
landline.

### Congregational Care team meeting

On Tuesday, September 14 at 10am, we will be having a Congregational Care Team Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. If you've been a part of this team for years, we would love for you to join us. If you have not been involved, but would like to be involved, we would love for you to join us!

We are looking to organize this team which provides care for our shut ins, regularly prays for church members, provides calls to those in need, and writes encouragement cards. If you have any questions or are unable to join us, but would like to participate in this team, please contact Pastor Dan via email: [revdanbellinger@gmail.com](mailto:revdanbellinger@gmail.com).

### Boomerang event

Boomerangs are invited to tour the new Rescue Mission with Emily Lahr, Director of Events, at 3:30 pm Friday, September 10.

Plan to park at church, walk to Mission and enter through Door #1 at Washington and Lafayette.

Masks are required to be worn inside the Mission for the entire time we are there. Emily estimated the tour will last 60-75 minutes.

Following the tour we will meet at Hall's Gas House for dinner and fellowship.

In order to assist Emily in planning the tour and to reserve seating at Hall's, please RSVP at your earliest convenience but no later than Sept 6th to Jana Powell at 260-418-4407. Not a regular Boomerang but interested in tour and dinner? Feel free to RSVP and join us!

### Sunday school class resumes

The ROCK S.S. class will be starting again on Sunday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m.

### Devotionals available

September/October Devotionals Available The Upper Room devotionals are available in the literature rack by the coat racks.

### Good News deadline

The deadline for the October Good News is Wednesday, September 15. Items should be e-mailed to Kim Truesdell, our newsletter Editor, at [kmtruesdell@gmail.com](mailto:kmtruesdell@gmail.com).

### UMW news

Executive Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 9:30 a.m. in Room 115

UMW Sunday – September 19

Discontinuing Toner Cartridge Collection  
The UMW is no longer accepting used toner cartridges. That recycling program has ended.

Attention bakers, candy makers, and crafters! The UMW Holiday Bazaar will return this year. On Sundays, November 21, December 12 and 19, there will be sweet treats and small craft items for sale. Proceeds benefit UMW mission projects.



## Monthly Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4 pm Faith Share

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 am Water Ministry at Farmer's Market

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:45 am Preschool Child Care  
10 am Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day – Office Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 am UMW Executive Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4 pm Faith Share

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

### ANNIVERSARIES

September 2: Don & Jerrine Warner

September 7: Rob & Cindy Nolot

September 14: John and Pat Lee

September 15: Matt & Kristy Wynn

September 19: Ron & Elaine Marker

September 23: Justin & Carrie Hogle,  
Max & Sandy Robison

September 24: Brent & Aubree Leuthold

September 25: Keith & Holly Niner,  
Jamie & Miranda Wilkins

September 29: Joe & Danielle Vaccaro

### BIRTHDAYS

September 1: Sandra Billingslea, Cathy Norton

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9 am Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Preschool Child Care  
10 am Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

11:30 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 am Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday night programming begins  
4 pm Faith Share

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

United Methodist Women Sunday  
8:30 am Preschool Child Care  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

September 2: Kate Moor

September 3: Carolyn Parrot

September 4: Michael Hall

September 5: Anya Reinking

September 7: Linda Davis, Eloise Guy

September 8: Vivian Miller, Lucas Hogle

September 10: John McKay, Connie Phillips

September 11: Cesar Anzaldua

September 12: Marilyn Moran-Townsend

September 13: Sherrill Colvin, Jenna Moor, Sara Reinking

September 14: Benjamin Ford, Dawn Tracey

September 15: Andy Holbrook, Melanie Miller, Jacob Redding

September 17: Christopher Dodds, Berry

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Good News Folders (pm)

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Good News Mailers (am)  
Wednesday Night programming  
4 pm Faith Share

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6 pm Ad Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:30 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Wednesday Night programming  
4 pm Faith Share

Weaver

September 18: Nancy DiNovo

September 21: Becky Coldren, Xavier Holbrook, Scott Pattison, Justin Pose, Logan Weaver

September 22: Andrew Johnson

September 23: Luana Haskell

September 24: Sharon Lundquist, Caroline Lutz

September 25: Christopher Lutz, Cindy Pond

September 26: Marilyn Moon, Geoffrey North

September 27: Brent Weinert

September 28: Owen Wuest

September 29: Zack Hermann, Keith Niner

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Senior Minister: Rev. Jason Morris

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Dan Bellinger

### 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, Carrie Hogle