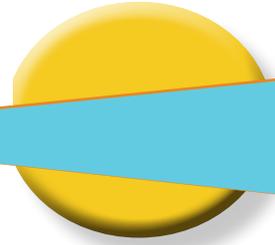




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February 2022

## GOOD NEWS

# What are you afraid of?

Each of us will most likely have a different answer to that question. Maybe you are afraid of spiders? Others may be afraid of the dark, heights, animals, flying, school parking lots at drop-off or dismissal times.

The reality is that, if we are willing to be honest and transparent, there is something we are afraid of. Whether it's fear of failure, fear of disappointing a loved one, or fear of speaking in public, fear is prevalent in our world.

Some of our fears are rational and understandable. Some of our fears could be considered irrational. Regardless of how we categorize them, our fears can have power over our lives. Healthy fear can prevent us from harming ourselves or others. However, some fears can keep us from making healthy

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.”

—Psalm 46:1-3

progress in our pursuit of mental, physical and spiritual wellness.

During the month of February, we will explore fear in our Sunday morning sermon series, “What are you afraid of?”

Each week we will explore some of the more common fears that we encounter throughout our lives. We will talk about the fear of death, responsibility, isolation and meaninglessness and how these fears can impact our relationship with God and

one another.

Now, here's a challenge for the month of February...Do a little Bible searching and studying to see how many times the phrase “be not afraid” appears throughout the Scriptures.

I hope you will join us each Sunday throughout the month of February (online or in person) as we explore steps to overcome our fears.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jason Morris

# Fun, faith, friends: Make plans for camp

It is the time of year to start thinking about summer camp for kids and youth!

Students from kindergarten through graduating seniors can be a camper through the Impact 2818.

From s'mores to singalongs, zip lines to swimming, students will have the opportunity to make memories for a lifetime while growing in their faith.

While attending camp, students are able to break out of their normal routines to take time for God. They are able to hear things in new ways and have fun with new friends.

Worship is an essential component of the camp experience, and campers

can become inspired by the Holy Spirit's movement during different worship times throughout the week. Worship teams lead students to give their all to our Creator.

Campers also have the opportunity to worship through exploring nature, navigating through the Bible, and encouraging one another through activities like the low and high ropes courses.

Worship and activities are tailored to each age group so that each student can get the most out of the camp experience.

Elementary students will attend Camp Lakewood. And, reopening this year, Camp Adventure will be housing middle school students.

Senior high youth attend camp at Epworth Forest.

Registration is open at [BeACamper.com](http://BeACamper.com). Camp fills up fast!

First Wayne Street will pay 50% of the cost. See Audra for camp lcash code before registering for camp.

There are full scholarships are available upon request. Please talk to Audra if needed.

If you have any question about camp for your younger kids through 5th grade, ask Audra.

Our Youth leader, Kim, can answer questions about middle and high school students.



## Children's church volunteer needed

We are looking for a volunteer to do Children's Church one Sunday a month.

This position entails taking the children ages 4-5th grade out of the sanctuary during the sermon to do fun activities, games, or a Bible lesson and returning them at the end of the service.

Activities and materials are provided by the church.

Please contact Audra if you are interested or would like more information.

## Mad Ants Faith and Family Night

Mark your calendars to save the date! First Wayne Street families will be attending the Mad Ants Faith and Family night on Friday, March 4th at 7 p.m.

Families can attend the Mad Ants game and then stay afterwards for a concert featuring Destiny Rescue.

Children and Youth tickets will be free to families (paid for by First Wayne Street Children's Fund).

More information and ticket forms are available outside the narthex or contact Audra to reserve your tickets.

Ticket order forms are due no later than Sunday, February 20.

# Learn more about the FWS foundation

*Over the next several issues of the Good News, we'll share the history and work of the First Wayne Street UMC Foundation.*

The Beginning:

First Wayne Street UMC Foundation was formed to support First Wayne Street UMC Church and its mission. A well-funded Foundation is critical for a downtown congregation. The Foundation grows through gifts either during a

member's life or at death through the member's estate. The Foundation is meant to preserve these gifts and to distribute the earnings on them.

The original Foundation was created in 1949 and reorganized on July 8, 1980. In 1992, following a congregation-wide capital pledge to the Foundation, sufficient resources were available to the Foundation to permit it to serve as the collateral (along with the church real

estate) on a loan for the construction and remodeling of a new Fellowship Hall, church offices, kitchen, classrooms, and pastoral offices and conference rooms.

For many years the Foundation went along as described above looking forward to the loan payoff in 2014, but then something very surprising and wonderful happened in November 2007.

Next: The Swinford Gift

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## How to prepare your heart, mind for Lent

For many of us, the extent of our knowledge about Lent is:

It leads to Easter.

People "give something up."

But Lent has a rich history and profound meaning for Christians. Digging into that history and meaning can make this spiritually significant season mean so much more to modern disciples.

### Where did it come from?

In its earliest form, Lent was a period of prayer and fasting for converts who were preparing for baptism. By the 4th century, Lent was set as a 40-day fast. By the 5th century, it was established as a time of preparation for Easter. It was meant to be a time of penitence and self-denial. The English word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring.

### What does it look like today?

Lent is the season of the Christian Year that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (lasting 40

days, not including Sundays). Many use this season to focus on prayer, simple living, and spiritual disciplines. Churches will recognize the season with a more contemplative tone in worship.

Purple is the traditional color associated with Lent. The deep purple focuses our attention on fasting and repentance. It is also the color of royalty and anticipates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

### When does it begin?

The beginning of Lent is marked by Ash Wednesday (this year, March 2).

Ash Wednesday emphasizes both our need for forgiveness and our human mortality. Ashes were a sign of mortality and purification. Oftentimes, the minister will say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ash Wednesday is an important way to begin the season of Lent because it points us to the climax of the Christian story. Lent ends in Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection that demonstrates his triumph over death. We begin Lent by acknowledging our need and end it recognizing how God has met that need in Christ.

The cross and the empty tomb of Easter give us reason to welcome the season of Lent as an annual opportunity to repent, reset, and be thankful.

### So how should I prepare?

Make plans to attend Lenten worship services so you have experienced the season in its fullness:

Ash Wednesday (March 2)

Palm Sunday (April 10)

Maundy Thursday (April 14)

Good Friday (April 15)

Easter Sunday (April 17)

Practice the means of grace

Create space for God in your daily life: time, place, heart, and mindset. You can do this by:

"Taking something on" as a new, meaningful practice or discipline

Become aware of God's presence and teaching in conversations, experiences, people, and challenges

May this season be a blessing to you as you listen for God's grace in your life. Remember Jesus' words: "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrow; but cheer up, for I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

## Congregational Life

### Mission offering

UMCOR Sunday (formerly called “One Great Hour of Sharing”) supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, our Global United Methodist Church humanitarian relief and development organization. This special offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business.” Through UMCOR, the United Methodist Church can respond quickly with funds to address immediate needs and grants to support long-term recovery. UMCOR focuses on disaster preparedness, recovery and response as well as migration and sustainable development in both the United States and globally.

If you want 100% of your gift to go to UMCOR - U.S. Disasters/Kentucky Tornadoes, include that information on your check memo or on the envelope.

### Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center’s food pantry. In December, we collected 52,783 lbs. of food.

### Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 13, we ask that you bring in cans of soup as the food collection. Let’s see how many we can collect for the food pantry at East Wayne Street Center!

### Praises

To the members of the Seekers class:  
Thank you for the “end of semester” treat boxes! We appreciate having the snacks as we study for finals. Thank you, as always, for thinking of the college students who are away from home!  
Christopher and Caroline Lutz

Dear First Wayne Street,

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of the East Wayne Street Center, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support.

- Special food drive in October
- Funds to pay for door and new food racks

Reppard Horne  
Executive Director

### Address changes

Scott Berns; 301 Wood Forge Circle;  
Lebanon, OH 45036

Glenn & Janellyn Borden; winter address; 21380 Pelican Sound Drive, Unit 202; Estero, FL 33928

Andy & Peg Candor; winter address; 409 Villas Drive; Venice, FL 34285

Esther Crabill; ecrabill@gmail.com

Lainey Dodds; 2209 St. Joe Center Rd., Apt. 231E; Fort Wayne, IN 46825

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Al Kuelling; 7255 W. Quincy Ave., Unit 1307; Lakewood, CO 80235

Dick & Judy Peiserich; rpeiserich@icloud.com

Stan & Connie Phillips; winter address; 21 S. Forest Beach, Apt. 437; Hilton Head, SC 29928

Jani Welling; 1700 Hamilton Road; Battlecreek, MI 49017-9038

### Devotionals available

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

### Receptionist needed

The first and third Wednesday afternoons are open as well as the second and fourth Thursday afternoons. Call the church office and let Connie know if you’d like to volunteer. Thanks for your consideration.

### UMW news

First Wayne Street United Methodist Women thank everyone who baked and crafted and contributed items to the Holiday Bazaar. And a big thank you to all who purchased items. A total of \$1,594.50 was taken in and will go toward local, state, and world mission projects.

### 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).

Earrings

Red small Nautica shirt

Green and gray stocking cap

Frozen doll

Laptop connector

Blue & floral water bottle

Silver coffee mug with red leaf

Personal CD

XL black jacket

Red McDonald’s pen

Large black “Home of the Brave” T-shirt

Black circular scarf

Med. Gray hooded sweatshirt (Warriors)

Peach Yeti cup/mug

Red Camel Bak water bottle

Black Newyes pouch

“Love is the Way” book

XL gray sweater

Girl’s XS gray sweater with bling

Plastic bag that contained med. Blue

Aeropostal shirt, gray and light blue

GapKids XL sweat pants

Any items left by next newsletter will be donated.

### Good News deadline

DEADLINE for the MARCH Good News is Tuesday, February 15. Items should be e-mailed to at kmtruesdell@gmail.com.

## Monthly Calendar

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

11:30 am Staff Meeting

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Good News Deadline

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

6 pm Alive Support Group (virtual)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Good News Folders (pm)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

8:30 am Preschool Child Care

9 am Sunday School

10 am Worship (in-person and online)

11:30 am Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Good News Mailers (am)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Transfiguration Sunday



## ANNIVERSARIES

February 23: Tim & Connie Boren

## BIRTHDAYS

February 3: Norma Bloom

February 4: Russell DiNovo

February 5: Dale Stahl

February 6: Bill Imler, Macie Follis, Adam Reinders

February 7: Jim McKay, Cayla Walchle

February 8: Kathy Abraham

February 9: Holly Niner

February 10: Aubree Leuthold

February 11: Art Boester, John Lee, Angi Reinking

February 12: Ray Doyle, Becky Norton

February 13: Adam Coffman

February 14: Miranda Wilkins

February 15: Becky Schmidt

February 17: Janet Holloway, Danielle (Burch) Vaccaro

February 18: Barbara Jones

February 21: Seth Schiffl

February 22: Gabby Gamble

February 23: Mark Redding

February 25: Jonas Coffman

February 26: Ruby Bultemeyer, Lynne Gilmore

February 27: Noelle Knight

February 28: Carol Maxwell

February 29: Peg Griffin

*That's sweet!*

# Sponsor donuts, flowers

One of our most enjoyed fellowship ministries is coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings.

These gatherings in Fellowship Hall are attended by many members, and it's a great way to meet and socialize with other members of the church family in a relaxed atmosphere.

But where do the donuts come from?

Donuts are ordered from New Haven bakery and paid for by generous members of the congregation.

The 2022 calendar for donuts is in Fellowship Hall, near the toy table, and you can sign up to sponsor Sunday donuts.

The cost is \$60.

You can choose to sponsor a week that's special to you or any available opening.

In addition to donuts, we're also looking for members to sponsor flowers.

The cost is also \$60 a week, which is a recent increase. The calendar is in Fellowship Hall.

In order to be frugal with money, on Sundays where no one has signed up to underwrite the doughnuts or flowers, the standing order will be canceled.

If you have questions about sponsoring donuts or flowers, please contact Connie Boren at the church office.

Looking for other ways to help with this ministry? We also need volunteers for set-up, serving, and clean-up. Contact Audra for more details.

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Executive Director of Alive Community Outreach:  
Rev. Angelo Mante

### 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

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Facilities Manager: Cesar Anzaldua

Security Officer: Kenneth "Bart" Bartholomew

Communications Coordinator: Kim Truesdell

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Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,

Angi Reinking, Carrie Hogle