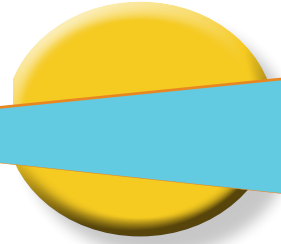




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January 2022

## GOOD NEWS

# SIMPLE GIFTS

It's hard to believe that we are welcoming in the year 2022!

With the beginning of a new year, many of us are hoping to turn over a new leaf. We declare resolutions that often revolve around our diet, exercise routines, caffeine or sugar consumption. We make resolutions to read more, watch less television and spend more time in nature. Some of us might make resolutions concerning our spiritual lives by determining to spend more time reading the Bible, attending worship with a bit more regularity, joining a Sunday school class, helping out with the youth group, or joining the choir.

Whatever our resolutions may be, the general idea is that these resolutions will improve

our quality of life.

On January 9th, we will launch a new worship series called, "Simple Gifts." Throughout this series, we will explore some of the gifts God has given us to help improve our lives as we navigate this world. As we observe Epiphany Sunday on the 9th, we will remember God's greatest gift to us as Jesus reveals God's light in our world.

As the series continues, we will explore our spiritual gifts. We believe that God equips the Church to do good works through the unique gifts that each of us bring. I want to invite you to do a spiritual gifts inventory through the United Methodist Church website. This assessment will help reveal your spiritual gifts while also

providing some descriptions of those gifts and how they can be used in our church, community and world.

You can find the spiritual gifts inventory here: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

We will also explore God's gifts of prayer and sabbath. Gaining confidence as we pray and understanding the importance of true sabbath rest are essential for our holistic well-being as Christ followers.

I look forward to worshipping with you throughout the month of January and the entire new year!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jason Morris

## Congregational Life

### Mission offering

Campus Ministry, on campus at Purdue University Fort Wayne, helps young people take a deep and honest look at the spiritual side of life and to provide a safe environment for them to develop a personal relationship with God. Developing student leaders who will shape and enrich their campuses, their churches, and their communities is also a goal of the ministry.

The 2021-22 school years' focus has been to build small group Bible studies and engage students through mission projects, team building activities, and recreational events and retreats. Creating a group of ENGAGED, EQUIPPED and EMPOWERED students on a secular campus who are on a mission to impact others for the Kingdom of God is the vision of the ministry.

### Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In November, we collected 70.56 lbs. of food.

### Help needed: Receptionist

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

### Praises

Dear First Wayne Street Family,  
Thank you very much for your support of Brandon and his Down Syndrome Buddy Walk team this year. You helped him reach his goal and the DSANI goal this

year. Your support touches our hearts each year and is so appreciated.

Love,  
The DeWayne Schmidt Family

Dear Seekers Sunday School Class,

Thank you for the cards and final exam special care packages! We look forward to the different snacks and treats that you so graciously provide at the end of each semester. They help us as we prepare for our final exams and are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Joshua and Elizabeth Schmidt

### Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Alan & Pat Riebe on the death of Alan's mother, Dorothy, who passed away on Saturday, November 6. Grandchildren are Andrew & Amanda Riebe. Great-grandchildren are Walter and Mae Riebe.

Our sympathies to Geoff & Jessie North on the death of Geoff's grandfather who passed away on Monday, November 8. This was Katie and Annabel's great-grandfather.

### Electronic offering changes

Just a reminder to those who use the electronic giving option – If you have changed your pledge or giving amount, be sure to log in and adjust the amount that is given.

### Devotionals available

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

### Good News deadline

DEADLINE for the FEBRUARY Good News is Wednesday, January 15. Items should be e-mailed to Kim Truesdell, our newsletter Editor, at kmtruesdell@gmail.com.

### UMW News

The UMW executive meeting will be at 9:30 am Tuesday, January 11 in Room 115.

### 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 anything there is yours:

- Earrings
- Red small Nautica shirt
- Green and gray stocking cap
- Frozen doll
- Laptop connector
- XL gray sweatshirt
- Blue & floral water bottle
- Silver coffee mug
- Personal CD
- XL gray sweatshirt
- And so much more!!!!

### Address changes

Jeff & Jan Funk; 2301 Park Forrest Blvd.; Mount Dora, FL 32757-6934  
Mike & Kay Lynn Mannen; rockytop171@comcast.net  
Jack Mowat; add "Health Center" to address  
Cathy Norton; no longer has landline  
Amanda Riebe; Amanda.riebe@gmail.com

## Children, Families, and Youth

### Gather programming

Join us for a time of fellowship, faith, and more!

Our Wednesday night programming — called Gather — will resume on January 12. The winter/spring session will wrap up on May 4.

Please note that we will not meet on March 2 and April 6.

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for Gather Wednesday Nights. Please contact

Audra for more information.

### Ice skating event

Members of the youth group and First Wayne Street families are invited for an afternoon of fun on the ice on Sunday, January 30.

We will enjoy lunch in Fellowship Hall before walking over to Headwaters Park to skate and enjoy hot cocoa.

Skate rental, ice skating, and cocoa will be provided.

Contact youth director Kimberly Truesdell for more information.

### Save the date

Mad Ants Faith and Family Night March 4th, 2022, presented by Destiny Rescue. Everyone is invited to attend the Mad Ants game, followed by a Christian concert! More information will be coming soon!

## Monthly Calendar

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Epiphany Sunday

Youth see The American Underdog

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Gather programming resumes next week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

11:30 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Gather programming resumes

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7 pm Youth Winter Lockout begins

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Good News Deadline

8 am Youth Lock Out ends

## 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, JANUARY 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office Closed

6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

6 pm Alive Support Group

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Good News Folders (pm)

11:30 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Good News Mailers (am)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

11 am Family and youth ice skating

## ANNIVERSARIES

January 21: Mark & Linda Davis

January 24: Max & Linda Elliott, Tom & Dianne May

## BIRTHDAYS

January 1: Tony Lardyell

January 3: Keaton Mroczkowski

January 4: Riley Fortman

January 5: Rose Wright

January 7: Linda Elliott

January 8: Dixie Taggart, Mark Truesdell

January 9: Ronan Reinking

January 11: Lowell Griffin, Savannah Pattison

January 13: Dan Daniels

January 14: David Fricke

January 15: Emma Bailey, Marcia Futter

January 16: Ashleigh Berger, Karen Francisco, Janet Guy-Klickman

January 17: Ron Marker

January 18: Westley Bailey

January 20: Nick Gamble

January 22: John Bickley

January 23: Jeffrey Tracey

January 24: Joan Ewing

January 26: Glenn Borden

January 27: Conrad Selig

January 28: Matt Landry

January 29: Liz Schiffli

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Visitation Pastor: Rev. Dan Bellinger

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

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Connie Boren

Facilities Manager: Cesar Anzaldua

Security Officer: Kenneth "Bart" Bartholomew

Communications Coordinator: Kim Truesdell

### Childcare Providers

Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,

Angi Reinking, Carrie Hogle