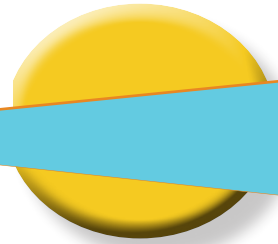




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April 2022



## GOOD NEWS

# A HOLY WEEK

The month of April brings a lot of joy-filled moments. By the time we get to April, it feels like spring has finally arrived. Flowers are blooming, birds are singing and we start making sure all of our lawn care equipment is in working order. Local school students, faculty and staff look forward to Spring Break, which may bring travels or just an opportunity to slow down at home.

In the Church, this April brings the celebration of Easter! On April 17th at 10am in the sanctuary, we will gather together to celebrate Resurrection Sunday! We encourage you to invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and even some complete strangers to join us as we remember and proclaim the Good News of the empty tomb.

To make the day even more of a joyous celebration, we will welcome our new confirmands! We have a special group of students who will confirm their baptism and make a commitment to serving Jesus in and through our church!

Once we get to Holy Week, there is a temptation to hit the fast-forward button. We want to go straight from the joy-filled celebration of Palm Sunday to the joy-filled celebration of Easter. However, I want to encourage all of us to pause throughout this holy week to remember the events that transpired between the joy-filled celebrations.

We will offer several services throughout Holy Week for our church and community to pause, reflect and remember. Join us for Gather on the Wednesday of Holy Week as we continue our journey to the cross through the Gospel of John. Join us on Maundy Thursday at Trinity UMC as we remember the meal Jesus shared with His closest friends. Join us at First Wayne Street on Good Friday as we remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on the cross.

I would also encourage you to spend time in Scripture throughout Holy Week. I want to suggest two devotional reading plans that I believe will be beneficial to

your holy week experience.

The first is a reading plan for families. This devotional is from the Community of Hope, a United Methodist congregation in Florida. This plan offers Scripture, reflection and questions for discussion for your family. You can find the plan at: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/24340-family-holy-week-devotional>

The second is a reading plan for individuals that could also be utilized by families and groups. This devotional is made available through the United Methodist Church. Each devotional offers Scripture, reflection, questions for discussion and prayers. You can find the plan at: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/devotions-for-holy-week-2021>

It is my hope that we will all take steps this Holy Week to truly make it a "holy" week. As we spend time remembering the story of the final week of Jesus' life, we are preparing the way for our Easter celebration to be an incredibly joy-filled experience.

### Lenten Fishes & Loaves

(March 2 – April 17)

We are collecting cans of tuna, mackerel, salmon, and boxes of crackers for the East Wayne Street Center for Lent.

### Easter Candy needed

Please help us out by donating individually-wrapped Easter candy for our Easter egg hunt. You can leave the candy in the container outside the office door now. We will continue collecting through April 13.

# The gift that changed everything

Marguerite Swinford was a member of the Carillon Club, comprised of those individuals who informed the Foundation they had included the church in their estate planning. At a Carillon luncheon she mentioned that a gift at her passing would be sufficient to pay off the church's mortgage.

She and her husband Ray joined First Methodist Church in 1941. Ray worked in the automobile supply industry and Marguerite taught home economics and English in the Fort Wayne Community Schools. They never had children of their

own and travelled extensively.

On October 11, 2006, Marguerite died a widow at age 97, having said of her 65 years of church membership: "It means my security, my home and my friends."

The Swinfords' gift received in 2007 did indeed pay off First Wayne Street's mortgage as well as most of the mortgage on the parsonage. This meant that the earnings on the Foundation no longer had to be used for the mortgage but were freed to make a significant difference in the life of our church, supporting ongoing facility care and programming.

Our library has been named the Swinford library in memory and thanks for their generous gift to FWS. A plaque outside the library honors them and others in whose name gifts were made.

The Swinfords' gift, as well as those of many other generous and faithful members, has allowed the Foundation to grow, making it an important perpetual giving source for the work of Christ's church.

Next: Our Foundation today  
— Peg Candor

## Spring cleaning? Donate to rummage sale

It's already time to start thinking about collecting items for the Rummage Sale.

The annual sale will be Saturday, July 9.

As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating items to the church! Donations can be dropped off to the church office.

Proceeds from the sale benefit Youth and Children's programming. Robin Hermann and Linda Allen are the co-chairs for this event. Contact them or Audra for more information.



### Let's connect

#### FACEBOOK

Connect with First Wayne Street. Our Facebook page is the place for current events, inspiration, and more. It's also a way to share our church with your connections. Go to Facebook.com and search First Wayne Street.

#### YOUTUBE

Stream our weekly worship service. Previous sermons and concert events are also available. Go to YouTube.com and search First Wayne Street UMC and be sure to subscribe so you don't miss an upload.

#### WEBSITE

Stay up-to-date with the news at First Wayne Street, as well as learn more about the congregation and building. From the website, you can also access the pastor's blog, event calendar, and online giving platform. Our church website is at FWSUMC.org.

# Scholarships available for HS seniors

The Scholarship Committee of First Wayne Street is encouraging graduating high school seniors to consider applying for the Robert D. Allen or Rosemary Pond Memorial Scholarships.

Scholarship materials and applications have been mailed to our FWS seniors, and

we hope to see many of them completed!

These scholarships are a testament to the legacy of both Robert D. Allen and Rosemary Pond, but they are also another way that our church engages with the life of our young people, helping to “uplift” and “inspire” them by contributing to their

future education.

Remember that the deadline for both scholarship applications is May 16, 2022. Please direct any questions regarding scholarships to Ann Kreamer, Scholarship Committee chair at [lkreamer@msn.com](mailto:lkreamer@msn.com).

Graduation Sunday will be June 6.



## Summer camp

It is the time of year to start thinking about Summer camp for kids and youth! Registration is open at [BeACamper.com](http://BeACamper.com). Camp fills up fast!

First Wayne Street will pay 50% of the cost; use code **Wayne936**. Please take advantage of this faith-building experience. 100% 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.

## Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer! This annual summer event will be July 18 to 21.

First Wayne Street will be partnering with Faith United Methodist Church this year. We are excited for the collaboration and look forward to a fun program this year for children ages Pre-k through 5th grade. As always, lots of volunteers are needed to make this event happen, so please consider volunteering!

Watch for more details to come soon!

## Bowling event

Enjoy an afternoon of fun with First Wayne Street. Youth, children, and families are invited to join us at Georgetown Entertainment after service on April 24.

This outing is an opportunity to have fun and enjoy fellowship with our youth and children’s ministries.

The cost of shoe rental, lanes, and snacks will be covered.

Contact youth director Kim Truesdell with any questions.

## Fox Island picnic

Youth, children, and families are invited to a picnic after service May 22 at Fox Island.

We have a pavilion reserved near the

pond, and it will be an opportunity to hang out and enjoy the park.

There will be drinks and snacks. Please bring a sandwich or sack lunch to enjoy.

## About youth and children ministry

We think learning about and serving Jesus should be fun. Children and youth are a priority to us, and we are doing all we can to build into children a love for God, the Church, the Bible, and the World.

Our ministries offer opportunities for faith, fellowship, and service.

There are activities for youth and children during Wednesday night Gather, as well as events planned throughout the year.

## Congregational Life

### Mission offering

Alive Community Outreach is our focus mission for April. Pastor Angelo Mante is the executive director for this ministry. The ministry's mission is to cultivate a community of nonviolence through relationships and education. Providing support to families affected by violence and educating youth and youth-serving organizations in nonviolence is the focus of the ministry. Rooted in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence, Alive works to equip our next generation with skills to navigate conflicts peacefully and a framework for transforming the underlying conditions that continue to produce violence. "Together, we can build a Beloved Community free from the cycle of violence."

### Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In February, we collected 200 lbs. of food. This included the soup for Souper Bowl Sunday of Caring.

### April devotionals

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

### Weekly Prayer Email

Each Wednesday, the church sends out a prayer list with issues and concerns from our congregation so we call all to be in prayer together. If you would like to be added to this list please email Karla Hofherr at karlahofherr@gmail.com.

### Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Laura (Bewley) and Lucas Vachon and Kevin Bewley and family on the death of their father, George Bewley, who passed away on February 22. A Celebration of Life Service has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

Our sympathies to Roger and Anna Zartman on the death of Anna's uncle, Lester Stewart, who passed away on February 18.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Gross on the death of her brother-in-law, Larry Gross, who passed away on March 2.

Our sympathies to Marilyn Moran-Townsend and Bill Townsend on the death of her mother, Jasmine Moran, who passed away on March 5.

Our sympathies to family and friends of Jack (John) Mowat who passed away on February 14.

### UMW News

Executive Meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. 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:

L 10/12 black sweater

Small gray Old Navy vest

Carter's size 6 kids tennis shoes with Velcro

Small notebook with designer front (has

Children's Council agenda in it)  
Ring (found in Narthex)  
Lady's clip-on earring  
Blue notebook

### Phone extensions

Pastor Angelo and Cynthia Gardner, with Alive Community Outreach, are now hooked up with the church phone system. Their extensions are:

Pastor Angelo – 213

Cynthia - 206

Church Phone Extensions

Pastor Jason - 128

Geoffrey North – 125

Audra Reinders – 130

Connie Boren – 122

Cesar Anzaldua – 127

If you call in after hours, you can dial an extension while the message is running and leave a message for a particular person, either for church staff or for Alive Community Outreach.

### Good News going to email

Plans are to send future Good News newsletters by e-mail, with the exception of our shut-in members and anyone else who would prefer a paper copy. Please let Connie Boren know in the church office if you want to continue receiving a paper copy (422-4681).

### Good News deadline

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



# WEEKLY EVENTS

## SUNDAY

8:30 am Preschool Child Care  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship (in-person and online)

## WEDNESDAY

4 pm Faith Share  
5 pm Gather meal begins  
6 pm Gather fellowship

## Monthly Calendar

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:30 am UMW Executive Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Spring Break  
No Gather Activities

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

2 pm Celebration of Life for George Bewley

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Palm Sunday

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

11:30 am Staff Meeting

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Maundy Thursday  
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity UMC

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Good Friday  
Good News Deadline  
7 pm Good Friday Service

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

6 pm Alive Support Group

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Sunday  
9 am Easter egg hunt

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting  
6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting  
6 pm Alive Support Group

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 pm Purdue FW Concert

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Noon Bowling at Georgetown (youth and families)

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

6 pm Ad Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Good News Folders (pm)  
11:30 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Good News Mailers (am)

## ANNIVERSARIES

April 15: Barclay & Erikka Hall  
April 22: DeWayne & Kay Ann Schmidt  
April 24: Philip & Karen Clelland  
April 30: Max & Gayle Smith

## BIRTHDAYS

April 2: Marie Murdock  
April 4: Mel Hochstetler  
April 6: Janellyn Borden, Sam Schwartz  
April 7: Brayden Ireland  
April 9: Pam Reese, Jana Powell, Bill Townsend  
April 10: Posey Dodds, Silas Truesdell  
April 13: Marilyn Gross, Michael Schmidt, Anna Zartman  
April 14: Pat Gamble, Ella Miller  
April 15: Gayle Smith  
April 17: Keith Mooneyhan, Kim Truesdell  
April 18: Jane Hanson, Victoria Rogers  
April 19: Dianne May, Jamie Wilkins  
April 20: Greg Krouse, Susan Stouder  
April 21: Carrie Hogle  
April 23: Daphne Coffman, Janet Helfrich  
April 26: Al Fishburn  
April 27: Alison Schmidt  
April 30: Richard Sanders

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Senior Minister: Rev. Jason Morris

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