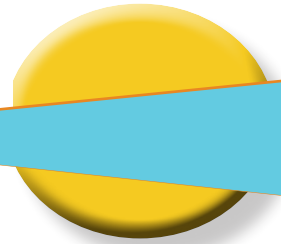




**First Wayne Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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June 2022



## GOOD NEWS

# Find the way

## *Opportunities for summer discipleship*

As part of The United Methodist Church's Baptismal Covenant, we promise to faithfully participate in a local congregation through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

But, how can we go beyond the words we profess to actually living into these vows?

In The General Rules of the Methodist Church, John Wesley called the early Methodists to live out their faith by "doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all [people]."

For some, like the members of our Mission Guatemala team, it can be mission trips.

However, serving God and others can take many forms.

How can you use your gifts at First Wayne Street? There are volunteer opportunities for members of all ages.

### Children's ministry

We are grateful for the volunteers that God has sent to help us work with the children of First Wayne Street.

Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Church, as well as teach Sunday School in the fall.



### Summer events

**Water bottle ministry:** Participate in this radical ministry while meeting members of the community. You can sign up at church or contact Dan Daniels.

**Rummage sale:** Volunteers are needed for the set-up of the sale, as well as during and after. Youth can help shoppers take items to their car.

**Ice cream social:** Youth are vital to the success of the ice cream social. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. Contact Kim Truesdell for information.

**Vacation Bible School:** It's time to

rally for God. This summer, we will be partnering with Faith United Methodist Church for VBS. Youth and adults can volunteer in a variety of roles, as we help children grow in their faith through engaging, fun activities.

### Outreach

Donate to our mission partners, including Indian Village School and Redemption House.

There are also opportunities to deliver meals for Homebound Meals and tutor at Indian Village Elementary School. See Ron Marker for information.

# Conference offering to aid refugees

The 2022 Indiana Annual Conference theme is “Love God, Love Neighbor.”

The conference will take place June 9-11 at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN.

Consistent with this theme, Bishop Trimble has designated this year’s conference Missional Special Offering to go toward our Afghan neighbors and supporting resettlement organizations.

As United Methodists, we faithfully participate in the life and ministries of our local congregation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As

we remember our Afghan neighbors who came to Indiana after the violent Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, we know that many of these guests are now making Indiana their home. We continue serving alongside and supporting agencies such as Exodus Refugee Immigration and Church World Service, along with other organizations and churches that are co-sponsoring families.

Our Indiana Conference has worked closely this past year with Exodus Refugee Immigration located in Indianapolis. The program has helped in the resettlement

of the 7,200 Afghan refugees that were initially relocated to Camp Atterbury.

But the task does not end there. Our gifts will help support Exodus and Church World Service with their many extended programs, including women’s programs, which provide support to new mothers, our mental wellness program, legal and immigration services, youth programs, English language classes and more!

Questions or more information? Ask Pastor Jason, Dan Daniels, Ann Kreamer or Ron Marker.

## Rummage sale donations

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.



## 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.

## Music ministry

# FWS hosts WOWs, summer concert

We are pleased to announce the line-up for the summer WOWs concert series.

These half-hour recitals start at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary. A light lunch follows.

June 1st: Jonathan and Natalie Young: husband and wife piano and vocal duo

June 8th: Geoffrey North: Germanfest organ recital

June 15th: Andrew Nesler: senior PFW piano student

June 22nd: Vivianne Belanger: FW

Philharmonic flute, accompanied by Geoffrey North

June 29th: no recital

All Adventures in the Musical Arts concerts are presented to the public free of charge. This concert series is only possible due to the generous support of patrons like you. Please consider giving to AIMA so that we may continue to present high quality concerts to the Fort Wayne community.

## Concert

Church of the Savior UMC Youth Choir & Youth Handbell Choir, on a mission tour from Cincinnati, will present an hour long worship concert, featuring choral music, handbell music, and drama, with the theme of Alive, based on Galatians 2:20.

June 10th at 7:30 pm, free admission, in the sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected.

## Family ministry

### Family Zoo Day

Sunday, June 26

Families are invited to join us after church for a fun afternoon at the zoo! Pack a lunch and we will all meet at the zoo picnic tables. Afterwards, we will head into the zoo! All costs will be paid for by the Children's Fund.

### Ice Cream Social

Saturday July 16

It will be another fun-filled night here at FWS! We will be having our annual Ice Cream Social before the 3RF downtown fireworks display!

Schedule of Events:

6:00: Hot dogs, chips, etc. served for in parking lot (for FWS congregation)

7:00-8:00: Mark's Ark Animal Show for families

8:30-9:30: Ice Cream Social

10:00: Fireworks!

### Food Truck Party!

#### Vacation Bible School

July 18-21

We are partnering with Faith United Methodist Church this year. "Food Truck Party" VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! The goal is to "help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met" (Cokesbury).

VBS will be happening at Faith UMC (207 East Dewald Street, 46803) on July 18-21. We are excited to reach beyond our four church walls to spread God's Word and Love in a missional way to our downtown families.

Many volunteers from both churches will be needed for this event! There are many different types of volunteer opportunities, and if you are interested, please contact Audra for more information.

How do I sign up my children to participate? How do I sign up myself to volunteer?

VBS registration link:

<https://faith-first-wayne-street-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

## 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

The Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence fund provides our pastor with some limited resources to assist FWSUMC attendees and/or transient individuals who need one-time help for car repairs/transportation, rent, utilities, prescriptions, etc., and have nowhere else to turn except Christ's church. On occasion, assistance may also be given to the homeless in our community who have fallen through the cracks in the social safety net.

### Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In April, we collected 104.82 lbs. of food.

### East Wayne Street donations

East Wayne Street Center Needs Personal Care Products. Please consider donating deodorant, soap, shampoo, laundry supplies and other similar items.

### Praises

Congratulations to Stephanie Bellinger for becoming Teacher of the Year at Bunche Elementary School!

### Thanks

Dear Seekers S.S. Class,  
Thank you very much for the box of snacks that were given to me. The snacks certainly do make a difference during exam time. I appreciate the Seekers thinking of me!

Sincerely yours,  
Ben Bailey

Dear Those at First Wayne Street,  
I want to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers and offered expressions of

sympathy upon the death of my older (13 mo.) sister and best friend, Linda Archer. I would appreciate your continued prayers as I learn to live life without Linda.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Lundquist

Thanks to everyone for making my 90th birthday one to remember.

Dick Bugher

### Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Ryan and Sheri Stark and family on the death of Sheri's brother, Jason Moellering, who died unexpectedly on Friday, April 22.

Our sympathies to Doug and Karla Hofherr on the death of Karla's aunt, Judy Wheeler, who died on Wednesday, April 27.

### Rummage Sale team needs volunteers

We need helpers to sort and price items during the week before the sale. And then we also need those to help the day of the sale in 2-hour increments, particularly at the beginning at 7:45 a.m. and on clean up at 3 p.m. Contact Linda Allen (341-1567 or flutelinda@gmail.com) or Robin Hermann (348-7172 or barmherm@frontier.com).

### UWF News

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

### Seekers S.S. Class Summer Study

They will be using the Methodist Bible study series "Transform" this summer which looks at the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They will use a DVD as a starter for the discussion each week. All are welcome to join them. The class will not

meet on May 29, July 3, and September 4.

### Devotionals available

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

### Good News

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

### 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
- Small notebook with designer front (has Children's Council agenda in it)
- Lady's clip-on earring
- Blue notebook
- 4XL Green jacket
- Women's XL blue jacket with hood (The North Face brand) – This was left after George Bewley's memorial service.
- 3 water bottles

### Address changes

D'Anna Buell; dwiththeanna@icloud.com  
Verl Ann Carnes; 6723 S. Anthony Blvd.,  
Apt. E222; Fort Wayne, IN 46816  
Shirley Meighen; shirlm745@gmail.com  
Martha Pohl; ynotpohl@gmail.com  
Daniel & Lyndsey Schmidt; 1538 Bell  
Brook Blvd., Bluffton, IN 46714

Note: We've had trouble getting mail to Ann Carnes. So please send to Verl Ann and it should get to her.

## Monthly Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

11:30 am Foundation Lunch  
Noon Foundation Meeting  
12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne Street  
12:45 pm WOWS Meal  
4 pm Faith Share

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

9:30 am Water Bottle Ministry

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 am preschool child care  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 am UWF Exec. Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne Street  
12:45 pm WOWS Meal  
4 pm Faith Share

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:30 pm Choir & Handbell Concert

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Mission Guatemala team departs  
9:30 am Water Bottle Ministry

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 am preschool child care  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 13

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Good News Deadline  
12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne Street  
12:45 pm WOWS Meal

4 pm Faith Share

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

9:30 am Water Bottle Ministry

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Mission Guatemala team returns  
Father's Day  
8:30 am preschool child care  
9 am Sunday School  
10am Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne Street  
12:45 pm WOWS Meal  
4 pm Faith Share

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

9:30 am Water Bottle Ministry

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 am preschool child care  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship  
11:30 am Families Go to the Zoo

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

11:30 am Staff Meeting  
1 pm Bridge Group

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

7:30 am Finance Committee Meeting  
1 pm Memorials Committee  
4 pm Faith Share

## ANNIVERSARIES

June 3: Glenn & Janellyn Borden, Tom & Marj Gamble, Rev. Angelo & Marie Monte

June 4: Adam & Kori Coffman

June 7: Jason & Emily Morris

June 8: Chris & Lara Lahr

June 9: Lowell & Peg Griffin

June 13: Art & Phyllis Boester

June 15: Darren & Laurie Bailey

June 16: Dick & Marilyn Moon

June 17: Dan & Christa Gerber

June 19: Dale & Sheila Stahl

June 22: Sam & Jan Schwartz

June 23: Roger & Anna Zartman

June 25: Jason & Liz Schiffli, Andy & Deb Holbrook

## BIRTHDAYS

June 1: Darren Bailey, Connie Boren, Scott Moor

June 2: Luke Hall

June 4: Laurie Luebcke

June 6: Dale McKee, Betsy Sidell

June 7: Ivy Wilkins

June 8: Gary Hall, Cindy Nolot

June 10: Kathy Denig

June 11: Allen Davis

June 12: Katie Nau

June 13: Mark Davis, Barclay Hall, Diane Kinnaley

June 15: Emma Bellinger

June 16: Aaron Tribbett

June 17: Jacob Allen, Tom A. Gamble, Sarah Phillips, Ari Reinders, Carolyn Stouder

June 19: Ethan Schiffli

June 20: David Pass, Jennifer Pose, Karen Sackett, Tyler Walchle, Jr.

June 21: Benjamin Bailey, Tom L. Gamble

June 22: Don Warner

June 23: Alice Ford, Robin Tribbett

June 24: Doug Hofherr

June 27: Carolyn Fowler

June 28: Michael Lutz

June 29: Ann Carnes, Shelby Reinking

# GOOD NEWS

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### FIRST WAYNE STREET STAFF

Senior Minister: Rev. Jason Morris

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Barry Belknap

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

Audio Visual Media Director: Barclay Hall

Alive Community Education Coordinator: Chris Lahr

### Childcare Providers

Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,  
Angi Reinking, Carrie Hogle