



First Wayne Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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July 2022

GOOD NEWS

SUMMER ITINERARY

Mark your calendars for discipleship, fun

From the beaches to the mountains, big cities to national parks, your summer calendar might be filled with destinations. There are trips to help you get closer to family or to discover something new. There are vacations that help you get some much needed rest and relaxation.

But are you ready for a surprise?

God —and his work — does not go on vacation.

And, at First Wayne Street, our summer calendar is filled with opportunities for discipleship and fellowship.

More details about these opportunities can be found on Page 3.

Sermon series

We will launch a new worship series called “Love is a Mix Tape” in the month of July. Throughout the series, we’ll be using Scripture and music to help set the stage for sermons on evangelism, loss, obedience, joy, relationships, worship, unity, and more.

Rummage sale

On June 9, the church will host its annual rummage sale as part of the kick-off for Three Rivers Festival. All items are donated, and proceeds benefit the children and youth ministries. Shop,



volunteer — or both.

Picnic and ice cream social

July 16 will be another fun-filled night here at FWS! We will be having our annual Ice Cream Social before the 3RF downtown fireworks display! Events include a church picnic, entertainment and, of course, ice cream!

VBS

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. VBS will be July 18 to 21.

Youth events

Members of the youth ministry are invited to buckle up and enjoy the summer.

On July 31, youth are invited to attend “The Spongebob Musical” at the Civic Theatre. Jonathan Miller, a student at Carroll High School, is a member of the cast.

The annual amusement park trip will be Saturday, August 6. The cost of the day is \$50, which includes admission to Kings Island and an all-day dining pass.

Indiana Annual Conference report

This year's Annual Conference was held at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, on June 9 – 11. The theme was "Love God, Love Neighbor."

At this year's conference we were blessed with spirit-filled music, passionate preaching and powerful presentations and testimonies. The praise team was "The Many" from Chicago and led most worship services with both traditional and modern/creative songs. The conference business reports and motions were quickly settled, and the theme of the Annual Conference was then our main focus.

Some of the highlights included:

The Rev. Angelo Mante of Alive Community Outreach was among the presenters at the conference. Along with the Rev. Jen Huff, he presented a powerful message about gun violence and the need to advocate for legislation.

Indiana Conference Child Protection requirements regarding Child Abuse and child safety measures were then addressed by the Rev. Shannon Stringer.

The endorsement of Rev. Dr Aleze

Fulbright as an episcopacy candidate at the Special Jurisdictional Conference. New bishops will be elected at the conference, which will be Nov. 2-5, 2022, in Fort Wayne.

The conference 2021 finance report (income \$12,018,142) finished with a surplus of \$692, which was added to conference reserves. Our General Church apportionment was paid at 100%.

The annual conference Missional offering was to support our Afghan "neighbors" and also our new Ukraine "neighbors." Exodus Refugee Inc., which is in Indianapolis, and other immigration and resettlement agencies will be receiving gifts that total more than \$102,300 as of the adjournment of annual conference.

Our conference materials support mission was for School Kits, which would be donated to the Midwest Missions Warehouse. About 2,000 school kits were collected.

The Conference honored the lives of 46 clergy and 27 spouses by lighting candles in their memory.

At the Ordination Service, eight clergy were ordained as Elders, and six were commissioned as preparing for ordination as deacon or elder.

Fifty-eight retiring clergy were honored for their combined 1,282 years of service. Twenty-one legacy churches were recognized for their many years of changing lives, though they disbanded in the last year.

In 2022, 29 congregations have completed the requirement for disaffiliation from our Annual Conference. The conference delegates voted to approve these disaffiliations. We were all reminded that even though these churches are leaving our conference, they are still our brothers and sisters in Christ — and WE STILL LOVE THEM.

You can read additional details and actions that took place at the conference by searching the Indiana Conference website, INUMC.org.

A daily 2022 Annual Conference "Wrap-Up" report is posted and it also includes a short video.

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.

Seeking out the message on Side B

In the month of July, we will be launching a new worship series called "Love is a Mix Tape."

How many of you are old enough to remember the mix tape? In the 1980s and early 90s, if someone desired to express his feelings for that special person who caught his eye, he would attempt to craft the perfect mix tape.

For you young folks, the mix tape is like sharing a playlist. Basically, you decide the message you want to convey and find songs to communicate that message.

One of my favorite movies, "High Fidelity," shows the painstaking process

of piecing together the perfect mix tape.

One has to be very judicious in crafting a mix tape. You couldn't just start off with Lenny Williams "Cause I Love You". You had to ease into it! You would start with something fun and hold the Lenny Williams declaration of love for the middle of side b!

Now, sometimes the mix tape was used to express one's love. Yet, there were instances in which the mix tape was used to let you know the relationship was over. No one ever wants to receive a mix tape where the first song is War's "Why Can't We Be Friends" or Roxette's "It Must Have

Been Love."

Throughout our "Love is a Mix Tape" series, we'll be using Scripture and music to help set the stage for sermons on evangelism, loss, obedience, joy, relationships, worship, unity, and more. We'll use songs by Johnny Cash, the Dave Matthews Band, Vampire Weekend, Andrew Bird, the Avett Brothers, Maverick City and more! We will be reminded to see the good in the world around us!

I hope you'll join us each Sunday in July and August, online or in person, as we use music to explore our faith.

Family ministry

Ice Cream Social

Saturday July 16

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

7 pm: 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/>

Tincaps game

Sunday, August 21, 1:05 game

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at the Tincaps! Ticket order forms are coming soon and need to be turned in to the church office by August 8. Tickets for families with youth and children will be paid for by the Children's Fund. Hope to see you there!

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 focus mission for July will be Backpacks for Charis House. Because women and children are not long-term residents of Charis House, there is a need every school year to purchase new backpacks filled with the school supplies that the children will need. Most of the children will also need to have new clothing to meet their school's dress code requirements. Our FWS July focus mission asking is purely a financial asking to provide the funds (gift cards) that Charis House resident parents and children "shoppers" will need to purchase these items. The staff at Charis House will accompany these small shopping groups to provide appropriate guidance and budget training.

Food cart

The Food Cart in the Narthex is for food item donations for the East Wayne Street Center's food pantry. In May, we collected 43 pounds of food.

Donations for East Wayne Street Center

Please consider donating deodorant, soap, shampoo, laundry supplies and other similar items.

Rummage sale volunteers

We need helpers to sort and price items the week before the sale. In addition, we need help the day of the sale in 2-hour shifts, particularly at the beginning at 7:45 a.m. and on clean up at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Allen (341-1567 or flutelinda@gmail.com) or Robin Hermann (348-7172 or barmherm@frontier.com).

The youth and family set-up is Tuesday, July 5 at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided!

Praises

Dear Those at First Wayne Street,

WOWzers. What a generous gift for our Summer Day Camp!

Thank you, all, on behalf of Wellspring. Camp begins on Monday and we can't wait. We're super grateful for our partnership.

Melissa Rinehart, PhD
Executive Director
Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

Dear First Wayne Street,

Thank you for the graduation gift; but more importantly, thank you for supporting me all of these years and molding and shaping me into the person I am today.

Love,
Maleah Hermann

Prayer concerns

Our sympathies to Jim McKay on the death of his wife, Margaret, who passed away on Tuesday, May 24.

Our sympathies to Rev. Dr. C. David Jones on the death of his wife, Barbara, who passed away on Saturday, May 28.

Our sympathies to Jan Morris on the death of her husband, Robert Morris, who died on Monday, June 6.

Our sympathies to the family of Marilyn Jean Parrish who passed away on Thursday, June 9. She was 98.

Seekers 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 July 3 and September 4.

No Faith Share in July

The Wednesday Faith Share group has decided to take the month off.

Devotionals available

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

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:

4XL Green jacket

Women's XL blue jacket with hood (The North Face brand)

Address Changes

Mont & Constance Arnold; 6107 Lineage Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Donna Belknap; drmom325@hotmail.com

Richard MacAskill; 4452 Sandridge Drive; Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Cathy Norton; 6506 Covington Road, Apt. A201; Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Shelby Reinking; 1010 Steeplechase Court, Apt. 10; Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Becky Wieser; extra e-mail bsqwrk@gmail.com

Writing to Ann Carnes

Since there have been some problems mailing things to Ann and her actually getting them, it has been suggested we send mail to her daughter, Karen Peck, and she will deliver to her. The address is 216 Siebold, Ossian, IN 46777

Good News deadline

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

Monthly Calendar

MONDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day
Office closed

TUESDAY, JULY 5

6 pm Rummage Sale Set Up

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9 am Rummage Sale Set Up

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9 am Rummage Sale Set Up

FRIDAY, JULY 8

9 am Rummage Sale Set Up
2 pm Rummage Sale Pre-Sale

SATURDAY, JULY 9

8 am Rummage Sale

WEEKLY EVENTS

SATURDAY

9:30 am Water Bottle Ministry at the market

SUNDAY

9 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Preschool Child Care
10 am Worship (in-person and online)

MONDAY, JULY 11

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 12

11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Good News Deadline

SATURDAY, JULY 16

6 pm Picnic Meal
7 pm Mark's Ark

8:30 pm Ice Cream Social
10 pm TRF fireworks

MONDAY, JULY 18

6 pm VBS at Faith UMC
6:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 19

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
6 pm Alive Support Group
6 pm VBS at Faith UMC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

6 pm VBS at Faith UMC

THURSDAY, JULY 21

6 pm VBS at Faith UMC

MONDAY, JULY 25

6 pm Ad Council Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 26

11:30 am Staff Meeting
1 pm Bridge Group

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1: Matt & Sara Mroczkowski

July 2: Bill & Dona Lou Imler

July 7: Walter & Marilee Gilliland, Eric & Katie Nau

July 9: John & Carolyn Ach, Dave & Carol Jackson

July 10: John & Vivian Bickley, Dave & Susan Stouder

July 13: Justin & Jennifer Pose

July 21: Kyle & Sara Reinking

July 23: Dale Lutz & Virginia Kreamer-Lutz

July 26: Matt & Candace Landry, John & Victoria Rogers

July 28: Cesar & Luz Anzaldua

July 31: Bill Townsend & Marilyn Moran-Townsend

BIRTHDAYS

July 1: Greta Hall, Darren Palmer

July 3: Virginia Daniel, Erikka Hall

July 5: Cindy Richter, Jan Schwartz

July 6: Judy Peiserich

July 7: Ron Luebcke, Miles Truesdell

July 8: Kyle Stark

July 10: Dennis Shields

July 11: David Allen

July 12: Bob Floyd

July 14: Kori Coffman, Marilee Gilliland, Brian Redding, Natalie Stark

July 16: Sandy Robison, Chad Tracey

July 18: Talan Buell, Brian Francisco, Jim Webber

July 22: Maria Treace

July 24: Mary Ehlers, Meghan Weaver

July 28: Luz Anzaldua, Claire Selig

July 30: Phyllis Boester, Becky Wieser

July 31: Kay Ann Schmidt, Marge Smith

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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 Anzaldúa

Security Officer: Kenneth "Bart" Bartholomew

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Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,
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