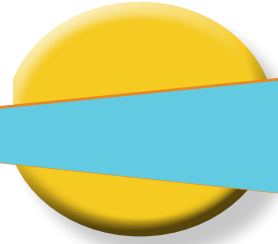




First Wayne Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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October 2022

GOOD NEWS

Surprise the world

One of the most familiar stereotypes regarding pastors is that all they ever talk about is money! Let's be honest, pastors do talk about money. Jesus talked about money. The Scripture are full of verses regarding money. However, we all know that it's not the only thing we pastors talk about.

During the month of October, we're going to talk about...money! This month marks our annual stewardship campaign. But, we're not only going to talk about money. We are going to talk about being wise and faithful stewards of all that God has given us. We will talk about being stewards of our time, talents and treasures. We will have an opportunity to make a commitment to sharing our time, talents

and treasures at First Wayne Street.

Our stewardship series will focus on being wise and faithful stewards in regards to our missional witness. We will explore how God is calling us to "surprise the world" through five missional habits. Using the acronym BELLS, we will explore how God calls us to bless, eat, listen, learn and sends us into the world.

We will be challenged to bless three people each week, at least one of whom is not associated with our church.

We will be encouraged to eat with three people each week, at least one of whom is not associated with our church.

We will be invited to spend quiet time listening for the Spirit's voice.

We will be asked to spend time learning more about Jesus through Bible study.

We will be sent to share the love of Christ in word and deed throughout our community.

I want to invite you to begin spending time in prayer, with a focus on how God is calling each of us to use our gift of time, talents and treasures to spread the love of Jesus in and through First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

God is doing amazing things at First Wayne Street. Your faithful and obedient sharing of your time, talents and treasures helps us make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

— Pastor Jason Morris

Arrange the calendar, attend WOWs

First Wayne Street's music minis- try, led by Dr. Geoff North, has become known for its WOWs concert series.

Held in June and October, these free concerts put a spotlight on local musicians and take advantage of our beautiful sanctuary.

All concerts at 12:15 pm in the First Wayne Street sanctuary.

Live audience seating and live-streamed.

Oct. 5: Lisa Gerstenkorn, contralto. She will perform a program of arias and art songs, accompanied by Geoffrey North

Oct. 12: The Purdue Fort Wayne Treble Choir is a select choir of treble (soprano and alto) voices. They will perform choral music under the direction of Emily Bird.

Oct. 19: Violetta Todorova, violin. She will perform a program of music by Bach, Pärt, and Kreisler, accompanied by Geoffrey North.

Oct. 26: Geoffrey North, piano. First Wayne Street's own Dr North will perform the five Metamorphosis by Philip Glass.

Congregational Life

Mission offering

October is designated as an “Open” focus mission month.

The Outreach committee’s intent is to encourage members to prayerfully determine their service opportunities, stewardship and their pledge to the FWS 2023 operating budget. Should there happen to be a major hurricane, earthquake, flooding or similar disaster, church members may want to make an UMCOR donation through FWSUMC. Any donation will expeditiously be forward to UMCOR.

Please continue praying for the countries and communities that have suffered natural disasters and events of violence.

Praises

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and donations to Brandon Schmidt’s Down Syndrome Buddy Walk team this year. DSANI surpassed their goal this year raising over \$142,000 with your support. Brandon reached his fundraising team goal as well. Brandon was the Grand Marshal of the walk this year with extra opportunities that made it a very special year for him. Your support touches our hearts more than you know!

Thank you, Brandon, DeWayne, KayAnn,

Joshua, and Elizabeth

Boomerangs are back

If you are new to First Wayne Street or have not previously attended a Boomerang event, please consider joining any of the activities which interest you and provide an opportunity to meet other members in a variety of settings.

The Boomerangs try to hold monthly events for social fellowship and welcome those who are retired or near retirement.

RSVP to Sheila Stahl by text (260) 639-5296 or by email sheilastahl3@gmail.com.

Upcoming events include:

Friday, October 21: Halloween party at the Heritage Pointe Clubhouse, 6030 Heritage Parkway. Come with or without seasonal costumes — your choice. Sheila Stahl will provide her Famous Sloppy Joe Sandwiches. Attendees should bring a side dish or salad and a donation of \$4 per person. We will have pumpkin and apple pies with ice cream for dessert, as well as the table service and coffee, lemonade and iced tea for everyone. Please RSVP to Sheila by October 18.

Friday, NOVEMBER 18, the Boomerangs will meet at First Wayne Street’s Friendship Hall on the third floor at 5:00 for food and games. Volunteers to plan or

share fresh ideas to organize this event would be welcomed.

How is your memory?

The Foundation Board of Directors is looking for help in identifying members of our congregation who made a gift to the church at the time of their passing through their will or estate plan. The Foundation has records, but it wants to be sure everyone is accounted for in its history.

If you recall such a gift, please contact either Peg Candor (peg-candor@comcast.net, 260-348-1731) or Stan Phillips (scp50@aol.com, 260-466-5950). Thank you.

Ride needed

Amanda Bailey currently has not transportation to and from church. She lives near Carroll High School. If you could assist Amanda in getting to and from church, please contact her at (727) 729-1246.

Good News deadline

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/FirstWayneStreet) and search First Wayne Street.

YOUTUBE

Stream our weekly worship service. Previous sermons and concert events are also available. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.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](https://www.fwsu.org).

Family ministry

Halloween candy collection

There is a basket for candy donations outside of the church office. All candy will be passed out to community children during our Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 15.

Serve Weekend

On October 15 and 16, we have opportunities to collaborate with our friends at the Central Branch YMCA for two awesome events — Trunk or Treat and River City Rat Race.

Trunk or Treat will be 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 15.

We would like to have as many cars as possible to participate (hand out candy) in this fun event! Last year we had around 800 children come trunk-or-treating! Please contact Audra for more information

In addition to Trunk or Treat, FWS will

also be partnering with the YMCA by providing volunteers for the River City Rat Race on Sunday, October 16.

This is a charity race that supports the Central YMCA's Annual Fund Drive, which gives financially challenged children and adults an opportunity to utilize all of the programs that the YMCA has to offer. Best of all, the race takes place right in our front yard in Downtown Fort Wayne! There are many ways that volunteers can participate, including handing out water, helping out in the food tent, race pointers, and more.

All information is listed on the SignUp Genius page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EA5A723A0F49-trunk1>

Friendsgiving returns on Sunday, November 13

Friendsgiving is back!! We will be

celebrating together after church on Sunday, November 13. The church will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and drinks.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a dish to share (side or dessert). The youth will be helping to prepare the food. Adult volunteers are also needed for set-up, kitchen help, and clean-up afterwards.

Sign-up sheets are coming soon or contact Audra for more information.

Volunteers needed

We are always looking for people that feel God's call to participate in Children's Ministry here at First Wayne Street. We could use a few extra hands in the Nursery, Children's church, and Sunday School ministries. If you would like to learn more or would even be willing to be added to a substitute list, please contact Audra. A background check is required.

Monthly Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Noon United Women in Faith Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

1 pm Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

11 am Youth Gathering

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

1 pm Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm Outreach Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

6 pm Administrative Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:15 pm Wednesdays on Wayne

WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

4 pm FaithShare
5 pm Gather —Dinner
6 pm Gather programming

SUNDAY

8:45 am Preschool Child Care
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship (in-person and online)
4 pm Canvas Community worship

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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

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

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Jane Daniels, Brooke Orellana,
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