



# FIRST WAYNE STREET

United Methodist Church

**GOOD NEWS**

June 2023

## BE KIND

First Wayne Street is a church committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of Fort Wayne as we love God and love people by serving together. We desire to create a community of faith where hope is found, healing takes place and transformation happens.

We are committed to making disciples because this is the Great Commission Jesus gave His followers in Matthew 28:16-20.

We are committed to love God and love people because these are the two Great Commandments Jesus taught us in Matthew 22:34-40.

We are committed to serve together because Jesus taught us through both his teaching and example.

Jesus taught that "those who want to be great must learn to serve" (Matthew 20:26) and that "those who want to be first must learn to be last" (Mark 9:35).

Jesus taught us that we love God in the way we love people, by feeding the hungry, giving

water to those who are thirsty, providing clothes and shelter for those without, and meeting the needs of the least among us (Matthew 25:31-40).

I've come to believe that maybe one of the best ways we can fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments is to be kind.

Acts of kindness often surprise me because they seem to be in such short supply these days. I recently started going out of my way to shop at a particular grocery store because of the kind and loving vibe that has been created in this special store. The workers are authentically pleasant and helpful. I encounter people stocking the shelves, working the cash register and bagging groceries who exude joy. I'm asked if I need assistance when I have a confused look on my face. The employees are genuine, patient and above all else ... kind.

Every employee I've talked to so far has expressed how much they love working in this little grocery store. On a recent trip, one said, "Man, even

if I'm having a bad morning, I find myself looking forward to coming to work because I know I'll be around all these groovy people."

Father Gregory Boyle, in his book "Tattoos on the Heart," expresses the importance of love expressed through kindness. "There is no force in the world better able to alter anything from its course than love. Meeting the world with a loving heart will determine what we find there. We mistakenly place our trust, too often, in the righteousness of our wind, though we rarely get evidence that this ever transforms anything. Inmates and guards alike at Folsom Prison always said the same thing about the other: 'I don't want them to mistake my kindness for weakness.' Sooner or later, we all discover that kindness is the only strength there is."

Wouldn't it be awesome if First Wayne Street United Methodist Church became known as "the kindest church in town"?

Today, and every day, if you can do anything, be kind!

# Church announces concert series

First Wayne Street United is preparing for its annual summer concert series, the Wednesdays of Wayne.

Each recital will begin at 12:15 pm and will last about a half-hour. The events are free and open to the public.

The schedule for the concert series is as follows:

On June 7, the Germanfest Organ Recital will feature Dr. Daniel Schwandt, who will

present a program of organ music by German masters, showcasing the fabulous Beckerath pipe organ. After the recital, a catered meal of German food will be available for purchase.

On June 14th, Kenneth Jiang will perform his own solo arrangement of Rachmaninov's 3rd piano concerto in what is sure to be a thrilling performance. Due to the length

of the concerto, this recital will last about 45 minutes.

On June 21, Dr. Geoffrey North will perform minimalist piano music by composers such as Glass, Gjeilo, and Richter, as well as his own compositions.

On June 28, Dr. North will return to present an Organ Recital of favorites from around the world.

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## Children, Families, and Youth

### Help us make the annual rummage sale a success

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, July 8. To ensure the success of this event, we are calling upon the support and dedication of our wonderful church community.

There are several ways in which you can contribute!

**Donations:** Whether it's clothing, household goods, books, toys, or any other items you no longer need, we'll gladly accept them. You can drop off your items during normal church office hours or on Sundays. If you need to drop off items outside of these hours, please reach out to Audra, who will happily assist you in making alternative arrangements.

**Initial set-up:** On Sunday, July 2, we invite everyone to stay after church and lend a helping hand with the initial setup of the Rummage Sale. We'll be bringing items out of storage rooms and hallways and setting

up in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary entryway. Lunch will be provided.

Daytime volunteer sessions:

Additionally, we'll be organizing Rummage Sale setup sessions during the daytime from July 5 to July 7.

Rummage sale event help:

On the day of the Rummage Sale itself, we need volunteers to work shifts in the morning and afternoon. You can choose a time that suits you best. We will have signup sheets available soon, but if you're eager to learn more or have any questions, contact Robin Hermann or Linda Allen, our Rummage Sale Chairs.

### Family zoo day slated for June 25

Pack a lunch and head to the zoo after church for our annual Family Zoo Day! We will meet at the picnic tables, eat lunch, and then head into the zoo for a fun-filled afternoon! All admissions for families will be paid for by the

Children's Fund. Please contact Audra for more information.

### Ice Cream Social July 15

Celebrate summer with ice cream and fireworks! Our annual Ice Cream Social will be July 15, along with a congregation-wide cookout and some fun family activities beforehand!

After ice cream, set up a chair and watch the Three Rivers fireworks from our parking lot! More information coming soon.

### Need a hero? Join us for VBS July 17-20

FWS is partnering with Faith UMC and Trinity UMC for Vacation Bible School this summer! VBS will take place here at First Wayne Street and is open to children ages 3 yrs.-5th grade. The theme is Hero Hotline.

Dinner for children and their families will be served at 5:30 p.m. The VBS program will be 6 to 8 p.m.

Sign up at: <https://faith-first-wayne-street-trinity-umc>.

## Congregational Life

### Mission focus

The mission focus for June is the Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence fund.

This fund provides our pastor with some limited resources to assist FWSUMC attendees who need one-time help for car repairs/transportation, rent, utilities, prescriptions, etc. This fund also provides the pastor with appropriate, but limited, emergency assistance to those Jesus calls "the least, the last and the lost" — those who have fallen

through the cracks in the social safety net and have nowhere else to turn but to Christ's church.

### Father's Day 5K

The Associated Churches annual Father's Day 5K will be June 17. This year, proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Military Families, A Baby's Closet, and programs of Associated Churches.

As a local church, First Wayne has the opportunity to create a team for this event. We

believe that this event is a great opportunity for us to come together as a faith community to support a good cause.

If you are interested in participating in the Father's Day 5K, you can join the First Wayne team by registering for the event by visiting <https://www.associatedchurches.org/2023-fd5k>. When you go to the link, you will be directed to the first registration page where you can select the "Join a Team" option, and the First Wayne Street team name will pop up.

## Calendar

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9 am Northeast District meetings

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

9:30 am UWF Executive Committee Meeting

### MONDAY, JUNE 12

6 pm Staff Parish meeting

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Noon Staff meeting

### SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Associated Churches 5K

### MONDAY, JUNE 19

6:30 pm Trustees meeting

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20

5:30 pm Outreach meeting

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Noon Family zoo day

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Noon Staff meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 am Finance Committee meeting

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SATURDAY

9 am Water bottle ministry

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Preschool Child Care

9 am Sunday School

10 am Worship

## Upcoming sermons

### JUNE 4

*Communion Sunday*

Scripture: Matthew 10:26-33

Sermon title: FWS Summer

Playlist: I Won't Back Down (Tom Petty)

### JUNE 11

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Sermon title: FWS Summer

Playlist: Thorn in My Pride (Black Crowes)

### JUNE 18

Scripture: James 1:2-6; 17-19

Sermon Title: FWS Summer

Playlist: The Goodness (tobymac)

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