



FIRST WAYNE STREET

United Methodist Church

GOOD NEWS

January 2024

Living out our faith, mission

Welcome to the new year!

As we step into 2024, let's embrace the fresh start and opportunity to live out our mission and faith in tangible ways.

Our church community is committed to loving God, loving people, and serving together, and there are numerous ways for you to get involved.

Love God

Deepening your love for God is vital to living out our faith. Join us on Wednesday nights for Gather, a time of worship and teaching that will help you draw closer to God.

Additionally, consider joining a Sunday school class that aligns with your interests and spiritual growth goals, or establish a personal prayer routine at home to cultivate a deeper connection with God.

Adult Sunday school classes include Koinonia, the Seekers, and ROCK.

For example, the Seekers Adult Sunday School class is composed of various ages and includes singles and couples.

Each week's lesson is lead by a different class member on a wide range of topics-current events, self-awareness and Biblical teaching - all with a focus on following God's plan for us.

The class is currently discussing Max Lucado's book "Fearless".

The class meets in room 119.

Love People

There are many ways to love people in our community and beyond.

Consider supporting our outreach programs by donating food to the East Wayne Street food pantry, providing coffee supplies to the women at Redemption House, or contributing to funding a backpack at Charis House.

Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on those in need.

Serve Together

One of the highlights of this year will be our summer mission trip to Henderson Settlement.

You are invited to join us as we travel to serve and uplift a community in need. This trip

will not only allow us to make a practical difference in the lives of others but also deepen our own faith and connection with God.

But you don't have to pick up a hammer to serve alongside others at First Wayne Street.

Annual events such as the rummage sale and water bottle ministry are excellent ways to serve and support our church. Whether you have a knack for organization or enjoy connecting with people, volunteering through the church allows you to use your unique gifts and talents to benefit our community.

If you have a passion for cooking and hospitality, consider being a Wednesday night cook. Every week, we gather for a time of fellowship and nourishment, and your contribution in the kitchen will help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who attend.

The new year is an opportunity to be united in our mission to love God, love people, and serve together. As we actively engage in these opportunities, we will discover the joy and fulfillment that comes from serving and growing in our faith.

Youth host 'super' chili cook-off

We're kicking off the Big Game in the best way: with chili and fellowship

The youth ministry at First Wayne Street is hosting its second annual chili cook-off on Super Bowl Sunday.

Join us after service on Sunday, February 11 for a wonderful afternoon of delicious food.

Bring a slow cooker containing your best chili recipe or other soup (already cooked) to First Wayne Street's kitchen by 9:30 am.

There will be three competition categories:

Classic (Traditional meat & beans)

Veggie (Vegetarian chilis)

Stand-Out Soups (Non-chili



entries)

Register your chili in advance by emailing Kim at kim@fwsumc.org.

Chili not your specialty? Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Everyone who comes get to

participate in judging the chili entries.

The event is free but freewill donations are encouraged.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the summer mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Ky.

Children, Families, and Youth

Ice skating event

Members of the youth group and First Wayne Street families are invited for an afternoon of fun on the ice on Sunday, January 21.

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy lunch in Fellowship Hall before walking over to Headwaters Park to skate and enjoy hot cocoa.

Skate rental, ice skating, and cocoa will be provided.

Contact youth director Kimberly Truesdell for more information.

Youth retreat

Join us for a time of fellowship, We are so excited to announce a Canvas & First Wayne Street

Youth middle school through high school retreat!

We will be at Bear Lake Christian Camp in Albion. Youth should plan on arriving Friday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. and leaving at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25!

We will have the run of the property, including a heated gym, sledding hill, and lake-view dining room.

Enjoy a weekend of shenanigans of legendary proportions and some space to consider the life we actually want.

The cost is \$130 a youth and includes meals and accommodations. Registration can be found by going to

Canvascommunity.org/youth and finding the retreat on the event calendar.

If cost is an issue, please see youth director Kim Truesdell for information.

Gather programming

Join us for a time of fellowship, faith, and more!

Our Wednesday night programming —called Gather — will resume on Feb. 7. The winter/spring session will wrap up on March 27.

Volunteers are needed to cook meals for Gather Wednesday Nights. Please contact Audra for more information.

Misison opportunity: Henderson trip

You are invited to participate in the FWSUMC mission trip to Henderson Settlement this summer!

The trip will be Sunday, June 9 through Saturday, June 15.

The trip is open to congregation members ages 12 and older.

Henderson Settlement is a United Methodist mission in Frakes, Ky., and it serves the people of Appalachia.

A work camp trip provides the opportunity to understand both the diversity and commonality of all people while gaining a fresh perspective on your own life.

While work projects have not yet been selected for our trip, volunteers can expect to do home repair-type work.

Team members will stay in dorm-style housing, and the Henderson staff provide all meals (except on the free day).

Work hours are typically 8 am



to 4:30 pm. Volunteers will work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is a free day, providing team members the opportunity a chance to rest or enjoy the surrounding area.

The cost of the trip will be \$375, which will cover the cost of meals, housing, and our free day activity. Fundraising efforts may offset these costs.

A portion of youth fees will be covered by the youth mission

fund.

A deposit of \$50 is due by Feb. 1. The remainder of the balance will be due May 1.

If you cannot attend the trip but would like to support the FWSUMC team, consider making a doantion toward the project fees.

To sign up for the trip or for more information, please reach out to Kim Truesdell at kim@fwsumc.org.

Monthly Calendar

MONDAY, JAN. 1

Happy New Year — Church offices closed

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

10 am Youth room paint day

MONDAY, JAN. 8

6 pm Staff Parish Meeting

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

Noon Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

7:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

MONDAY, JAN. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

1:30 pm Stephen Ministry

5:30 pm Outreach Committee

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

11 am Youth and family ice skating event

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

Noon Staff meeting

WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

4 pm FaithShare

SUNDAY

8:45 am Preschool Child Care

9 am Sunday School (adults and youth)

10 am Worship (in-person and online)

11 am Canvas Community worship

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