



FIRST WAYNE STREET

United Methodist Church

GOOD NEWS

July 2024

TUNING INTO GOD

Over the last few years, we've started a new summer tradition at First Wayne Street — the "Summer Playlist" sermon series.

This series will creatively incorporate popular music to explore a variety of spiritual and life themes. Each week, we'll dive into a different song, using its lyrics and message to help us connect with God's word in new and meaningful ways.

Here's a sneak peek at the inspiring lineup:

July 14: "These Are the Days" by Lauren Daigle

We'll kick off our series with Lauren Daigle's uplifting anthem, "These Are the Days." This song celebrates the beauty and significance of each moment, reminding us to cherish the present and find God's presence in our everyday lives.

July 21: "Money" by Pink Floyd

We'll explore the powerful and often complicated relationship between faith and finances. Pink Floyd's "Money" will serve as a catalyst for discussing how we can manage our resources in a

way that honors God and serves others. For those of you familiar with the song...don't worry, we'll use the edited version!

July 28: "Citizens" by Jon Guerra

Jon Guerra's "Citizens" challenges us to consider our identity and allegiance. We'll reflect on what it means to be citizens of Heaven while living in the world, and how we can navigate this dual citizenship with grace and purpose.

August 4: "For Good" from the musical "Wicked"

This sermon will focus on the impact of relationships and how God's love can transform us through the people we encounter. We'll celebrate the ways we shape each other's lives for the better.

August 11: "Losing My Religion" by R.E.M.

This song will guide us in an honest conversation about doubt, faith, and the struggles that come with them. We'll explore how questioning and seeking can lead to a deeper,

more resilient faith in God.

August 18: "One Love/People Get Ready" by Bob Marley

We'll conclude our series with Bob Marley's iconic "One Love/People Get Ready." This powerful song calls us to unity and love, echoing the biblical mandate to love our neighbors as ourselves. We'll reflect on how we can be agents of reconciliation and hope in a divided world.

We invite you to join us each week as we embark on this musical and spiritual journey together. Whether you're a fan of these songs or hearing them for the first time, we believe they will enrich our understanding of God's message and inspire us in our walk of faith.

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors—everyone is welcome! Let's make this summer a season of growth, reflection, and joy as we listen to the "Summer Playlist" that God has in store for us.

— Pastor Jason Morris

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 utilities, rent, car repairs/transportation, 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.

Volunteer opportunity

Please consider volunteering for a couple of Saturday mornings this summer to be a member of our FWS Hospitality Team at the Barr Street Farmers' (YLN!) Market.

A signup sheet is available in the hallway as you approach the

atrium.

The serving cart and coolers filled with chilled water will all be prepositioned in the narthex, so please just show up a bit before 9:30 and we will quite often be out of water before our 2-hour scheduled event! Meet old and new friends at Fort Wayne's favorite farmers' market!

This year we are offering a "Senior Special." Senior citizens can signup for just a one-hour shift from 10:15 to 11:15!

Support Indian Village

Back-to school items are arriving in stores! Our partner school in the Associated Churches Rising Stars program is Indian Village Elementary, and your help is needed in providing school supplies for the upcoming school year.

The following items are needed:

Colored pencils, crayons, composition notebooks, pink

erasers, dry erase markers, Play-Doh, sidewalk chalk, sticky notes, tissues, socks, underwear, folders with prongs, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, storage bags, pencil bags/boxes, disinfectant wipes, book bags, and reusable water bottles

Donations are being collected at the pink box in the hallway near the sanctuary.

Also, tutors for one-on-one help with students at Indian Village are needed. Won't you consider helping out this coming school year? Call Ron Marker (755-0220) for further details. Your contribution of one hour per week could be the most rewarding thing you will do.

Good News deadline

DEADLINE for the August Good News is July 15. Items should be e-mailed to Kim Truesdell, our newsletter Editor, at kim@fwsumc.org.

Children and family ministry

Family pool party

All families are invited to Kim and Theresa Tracey's house at noon Sunday, August 4 for some fun in the sun! Hot dogs, chips, veggies, and drinks will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share.

Questions? Contact Audra or Ally Fortman for more details.

FWSUMC Tincaps Game

FWSUMC is having our annual Tincaps game and everyone is invited! Add the Sunday, August 18 game to your calendar and plan on a fun afternoon of fellowship and baseball.

The game will be at 1:05 pm.

Ticket order forms will be available outside of the sanctuary

mid-July. Forms can be turned into the church office or directly to Audra, and are due no later than Sunday, August 4. No ticket order forms will be accepted after that date due to Tincaps office policies.

All youth and family tickets will be paid for by the Children's Fund.



Father's Day 5K

First Wayne Street UMC once again brought home the trophy for Best Church Team Participation at the Associated Churches Father's Day 5K. Nearly 30 people signed up to be a part of the FWS team. A special congratulations to our own Mark Truesdell for taking the top spot in the ruck race!

Serve, scoop, and celebrate at FWS

Mark your calendars for two exciting events this July that promise fun, fellowship, and support for our church community!

Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 13

Our biggest youth and family ministry fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! Here's how you can help:

1. Donate: Keep those donations coming through the week of the sale.

2. Volunteer: We need help with:

Initial setup: Sunday, July 7 after church (pizza provided!)

Weekday setup: July 10-12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (includes pricing)

Sale day: July 13 (cashiers, folders, and general assistance needed)

Sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFAB2CA0F4C61-50108094-rummage>

Questions? Contact Linda Allen or Robin Hermann, our Rummage Sale co-chairs.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 20

Join us for a sweet evening of community outreach and family fun! Schedule:

6:30-7:00 PM: Hot dog dinner (3rd floor)

7:00-8:00 PM: "All God's Creatures" animal show by Indiana Wild (sanctuary)

8:30-9:30 PM: Ice Cream Social

10:00 PM: Three Rivers Festival Fireworks viewing (parking lot)

Want to volunteer or have questions? Contact Audra or Kim.

Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Fourth of July —Office closed

SUNDAY, JULY 7

11 am Rummage sale volunteers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9 am Rummage sale volunteers

THURSDAY, JULY 11

9 am Rummage sale volunteers

FRIDAY, JULY 12

9 am Rummage sale volunteers

SATURDAY, JULY 13

8 am Rummage sale

SATURDAY, JULY 20

6:30 pm Church picnic

7 pm Indiana Wild

8:30 pm Ice Cream Social

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