



FIRST WAYNE STREET

United Methodist Church

GOOD NEWS

June 2025

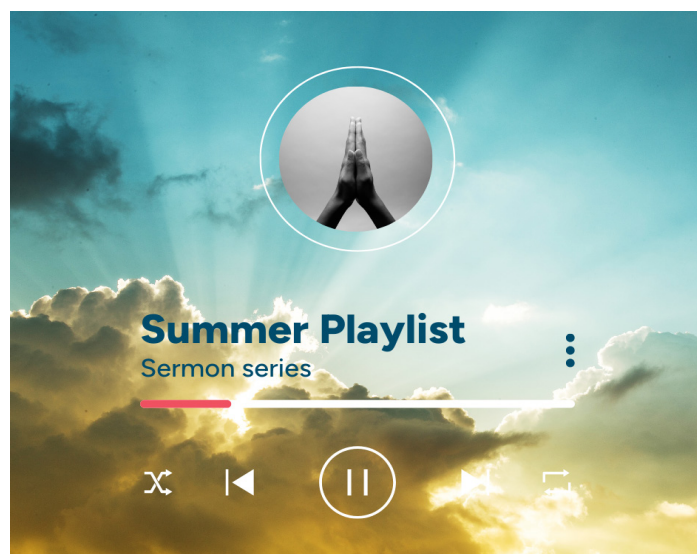
Exploring faith through music

Grace and peace to you all as we step into the vibrant month of June! As we look to Sunday, June 8th, we will joyously celebrate Pentecost Sunday! This powerful day marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to speak in new tongues and share the good news of Christ with all who would listen. It's a vivid reminder that God's love and grace are meant to transcend barriers, to be heard and understood by everyone, no matter their background or language.

This theme of speaking in a language that others understand, of meeting people where they are, is one that will continue to resonate throughout June. I'm thrilled to announce the launch of our annual summer worship series, beginning after Pentecost, called "Summer Playlist."

Have you ever noticed how a song can instantly transport you, evoke a memory, or articulate a feeling you couldn't quite put into words? Music is a universal language, a powerful medium that connects us on a deeply human level. In "Summer Playlist," each week we will kick off our worship with a contemporary song that will not only launch our message but also serve as a thematic touchstone for the day. From pop anthems to thoughtful indie tracks, we'll explore how modern music can illuminate ancient truths, offering fresh perspectives on scripture and our faith journey.

Just as the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to communicate across cultural and linguistic divides on Pentecost, using modern music in our worship is



one way we can strive to speak in a language that resonates with contemporary hearts and minds. It's an invitation to engage with our faith in new and meaningful ways, to discover the sacred in the seemingly secular, and to hear God's call to love and justice in every beat and lyric.

I am incredibly excited about this new series and the conversations it will spark. I believe it will be a refreshing and inspiring way to delve deeper into our faith together this summer. So, come prepared to sing along, to listen with new ears, and to discover how the Spirit continues to sing a new song among 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.

Join hospitality team

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 (YLNI) 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 ready in the narthex, so please just show up a bit before 9:30.

Quite often, we will be out of water before our two-hour scheduled event! Meet old and new friends at Fort Wayne's favorite farmers' market!

We also are offering a "Senior Special." Senior citizens can sign up for just a one-hour shift from 10:15 to 11:15!

Retirement reception

Please join us for a reception following worship service on Sunday, June 29th to congratulate Doug Hofherr on his retirement after 40 years teaching Band and General Music for Huntington County Community Schools.

The congregation is invited to stay after service for refreshments and to congratulate Doug.

Good News deadline

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

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

12:15 pm WOWs Concert Series

MONDAY, JUNE 9

6 pm Staff Parish meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Noon Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

12:15 pm WOWs Concert Series

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

8 am Associated Churches 5K

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

11 am Father's Day picnic

MONDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 pm Trustees meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

1 pm Stephen Ministry meeting
5:30 pm Outreach team meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

12:15 pm WOWs Concert Series

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Youth Kings Island Trip

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Noon Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

12:15 pm WOWs Concert Series

WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

4 pm FaithShare

SUNDAY

8:45 am Preschool
Child Care
10 am Worship (in-person and online)
11:30 am Canvas worship

Children and family ministry

Father's Day picnic

Celebrate Dad by joining us after church on Father's Day, June 15 for a church picnic. We'll provide grilled hot dogs and chips, plus a special visit from the KONA ice truck for a sweet treat!

Feel free to bring a side dish to share if you'd like, but it's completely optional. Come enjoy fellowship, food, and fun as we honor the fathers in our congregation.

Rummage sale donations

Are you doing some spring cleaning and sorting? Please keep us in mind when you do! We will start collecting new and gently used items to sell in our Rummage Sale which will take place on Saturday, July 12. Items can be dropped off anytime through July during church office hours or Sundays. If you need to schedule a drop-off time outside of those designated hours, contact Audra.

Volunteers needed

To pull off a Rummage Sale, we need a ton of volunteer help! There are opportunities to help throughout the week. The initial setup will be after church on July 6. Pizza will be provided; please RSVP so we may order enough.

We will continue to set up for the sale during church hours Wednesday-Friday, July 9-11.

You can also help during the sale, too! Shifts are available and lunch will be provided. Please sign up at the following link. Contact Robin Hermann, Linda Allen (Rummage Sale co-chairs), or Audra if you need information.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFAB2CA0F4C61-56932327-rummage>

Save the Date

Family Pool Party: August 3
Pokagon Camping : September 13-14

Former member honored

Marty Wyal, a member of this congregation who died in 2017, will be inducted into the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame on September 27, 2025. Her daughter, Martha Pohl, shared that there will be a permanent plaque with the names of the inductees at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Marty was a member of the WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots), civilian women who flew planes for the US Air Force during WWII to free men for combat duty. They tested aircraft, ferried planes from factories to bases or from base to base, trained other pilots, and towed targets for live anti-aircraft gun practice. Later, she became the official historian of the WASPs. These women were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009.

Don't miss summer concert series

First Wayne Street UMC and Adventures in Musical Arts (AIMA) present free 30-minute concerts every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. this June.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Can't make it in person? You can watch WOWs concerts on the First Wayne Street UMC YouTube channel.

June 4: Geoffrey North, Germanfest Organ Recital

Dr. North's annual recital featuring our Beckerath pipe organ, with the Fort Wayne American Guild of Organists. German meal available after for a small fee.

June 11: Fort Wayne Sigma Alpha Iota

College music fraternity

members present a varied program.

June 18: Andrew Nesler, Piano

Repertoire from Beethoven to Prokofiev.

June 25: Natalie and Jonathan Young, Soprano and Piano

Fort Wayne musicians conclude the series with songs and arias.

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