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Dear Church Family,

As part of both the Holy Spirit and the Discipleship sermon series recently we have been looking at Scriptures pertaining to the part that we all get to play helping to build God's Kingdom, share the Good News of Jesus, make disciples of Jesus, and live out our calling to bear fruit through the power of the Holy Spirit. We were reminded that we all have an important role to play and that none of us is left out. The Apostle Paul lays out several lists of spiritual gifts available to the Church for the common good in Romans 12, I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4. In the passage from Ephesians 4 Paul explains the importance of these gifts:

As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. – Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

What does a healthy "body" look like? The human body needs good nourishment, exercise, meaningful connections, and purpose and for each part of the body to work together for the wellbeing of the whole. The body is designed to not only just survive, but to flourish and to thrive. Same way with the Church. All of us are created to be nourished by God's Word and presence; to exercise our faith, walking every moment with God and using the gifts God gives; to intentionally connect with each other to grow in love and service; and to be fruitful expanding God's Kingdom.

What's my part in the Body of Christ? Maybe you have a good sense of what God has called you to and have been living this out daily seeing God bear fruit. Maybe you are still wondering what your part is and whether what you are currently doing is where God wants you. Regardless of where we are and what we're doing, I want to encourage us all to seek God in prayer for where God may be calling us in this great mission to make disciples of Jesus and bring God's Kingdom. I have seen God's plans for me shift and morph over the years of following Christ and have found this practice of seeking God daily to be extremely helpful in discerning my part. I would encourage you to get alone with God to pray and listen, with a family member or friend to pray and talk with them about your part and where you are sensing God leading or maybe about why you feel stuck. Always know I am here to talk to as well and would love to hear what you are sensing from God.

I continue to be hope-filled and excited to see what the Holy Spirit will do in and through us to further God's Kingdom and to make more followers of Jesus that will in turn also make an impact on our communities. We are not here to just survive as a church, but to thrive!

With you in the cause of Christ,

Pastor Brian

3rd Quarter Mission

We Build Hope, Lives, Houses.



A few myths about Habitat . .

- **MYTH:** Habitat for Humanity gives houses away to poor people. **FACT:** Habitat offers homeownership to families who are unable to obtain conventional house financing. This generally includes those whose income is 30-50% of the area's median income. Mortgage payments are kept affordable because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor.
- **MYTH:** Only those belonging to minority populations get Habitat for Humanity homes. **FACT:** Habitat builds houses in partnership with those in need regardless of race, religion or any other difference. Prospective homeowners must meet three criteria – need, ability to repay the mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat.
- **MYTH:** You have to be Christian to become a Habitat homeowner. **FACT:** While Habitat is a Christian organization, Habitat homeowners are selected without regard to race, religion or ethnic group, in keeping with U.S. law and with Habitat's abiding belief that God's love extends to everyone. Habitat also welcomes volunteers from all faiths, or no faith, who actively embrace Habitat's goal of eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide.

- **MYTH:** Habitat for Humanity International dictates policy and practices for every local Habitat organization. **FACT:** Local Habitat affiliates are independent, nonprofit organizations that operate within a specific service area within the framework of the Habitat Affiliate Covenant. Volunteers generally are local and the majority of money is raised locally.

(Source: www.kosciuskohabitat.org)

Here are some ways you can support Habitat for Humanity of Kosciusko County:

- Sunday coin and mission offerings during the 3rd quarter of 2021
- For Father's Day (June 20) give a different, meaningful gift to Dad and/or that special father-like man in your life by donating to Habitat (make checks payable to FUMC with "Habitat – Father's Day" on the memo line)
- Donate items to the Habitat ReSale Outlet located at 3970 Corridor Drive, Warsaw, and shop there! (more info at www.kosciuskohabitat.org/resale/)
- **VOLUNTEER . . .** *There are SO MANY ways you can help! The opportunities to volunteer with Habitat are countless, from office help to working with families to pounding nails.* (Check out www.kosciuskohabitat.org/volunteer/ or call Habitat at 574.269.4104 or the ReSale Outlet at 574.314.6603)



5th Sunday Mission **FOCUS**



Fellowship missions

RESTORING LIVES. RENEWING HOPE.

There's an upcoming 5th Sunday Mission Focus!!! Sunday, August 29, is the third of four 5th Sundays in 2021. The focus on this particular Sunday is Fellowship Missions. In addition to serving the homeless in Kosciusko County with an Emergency Homeless Shelter, Fellowship Missions provides an Addiction Recovery Hub – solutions for those suffering from substance abuse and addiction – and offers their Catalyst Program – a program designed to help shelter residents rebuild their lives and get back on their feet. The coin and undesignated missions offerings on August 29 as well as any designated offerings received (indicate “Fellowship Missions” on your check or giving envelope) will provide financial support for the programs at Fellowship Missions. Check out their updated website at www.fellowshipmissions.net for additional ways you can help Fellowship Missions.

Thanks so much for your generous support!

Deborah Circle Updates

1. August 1 is deadline for submitting recipes for Deborah Circle Recipes for Life cookbook. Pre-sales continue - \$10 for Deborah Circle Recipes for Life cookbook.
2. Presale Dan's Fish Fry tickets - \$10 go on sale Sept. 1. Dan's Fish Fry will be Saturday, October 16, 11-2, at The Connection. Drive through Meal includes Fish & Tenderloin, tartar sauce, baked beans, chips and a cookie. (FYI: Dan's will mix/match if folks want all fish or all tenderloin or

both. I'm making the beans, Sara is providing the chips and hopefully we can get 50 dozen cookies made from the church).

3. Open invitation to all ladies to join the carpool for a Talk, Tour, and Lunch (TTL) at Lucille Raines Residence on Thursday, Sept. 16. Carpooling downtown Market Street parking lot at 7 a.m. (FYI: we're going with Chesterton Lydia Priscilla Circle and will carpool with them at the Pilot Station in Plymouth) Should return by 5 p.m.

4. FYI: Deborah Circle has the Community Kitchen Wednesday, Sept. 29 and we'll need cookies for that - 34 dozen (400 for 2/bag).

Church Finances

Worship Averages thru July 18	
Attendance: In-person: 117 Online: 207	Giving: Offering \$8,431 Missions \$1,153
June YTD Budgeted Financials	
Operating Income:	\$217,899.27
Operating Expenses:	\$217,686.87
2nd Quarter Mission Focus: Ryan's Case for Smiles (includes Mother's Day)	\$2,230.36

Online Giving is now a secure and reliable way to set up recurring or one-time donations to the church. Visit warsawfumc.org and select “Give” at the top of the page.



Calling to Serve

There are many opportunities for service available right now to each and every one of you.

- **Where do I fit in?**

Take the Spiritual Gifts Survey to discover the gifts that the Spirit has given you. God wants to use us all in different ways. This survey is just to help you see what your gifts are, Pastor would love the opportunity to discuss the results with you. Visit warsawfumc.org and look for Spiritual Gifts Survey on the main page.

- **How do I get involved?**

It's that time of year when the Servant Council will meet to nominate persons to serve in the various ministries of Warsaw FUMC. If you feel a calling to serve, we would like to know what interests you. Fill out the form at warsawfumc.org/willing-to-serve/ and then follow directions on the bottom of the page. Where do you have a passion to serve?

- We are in need of people to help serve in various capacities throughout the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services - if you are interested in helping to serve in this or any other capacity, please email Ann at busmgr@warsawfumc.org and note what you would be interested in!

- Worship Team member as liturgist by leading the Call to Worship and reading scripture at the Downtown location
- Worship Team member by leading hymns at the Downtown location
- Worship Team member by operating video equipment at either the Downtown or Connection Campus
- Children's Ministry Team by signing up for dates to work in Children's Church at the Downtown location



Indiana North District Lay Servant Academy

We are Called! You are Called!

Evangel Heights United Methodist Church
114 N Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46615

September 11, 2021 – October 9, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST (five Saturdays)

God calls all His children to be disciples. Come discover what God has in store for you. |

NEW! Online Registration
Follow the link below to register for the Evangel Heights Academy

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/nola91121>

You will then be able to enter your information, choose your class, and pay the \$25 registration fee.

Basic Course

This course is required for first time attendees. Discover and employ your personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Learn the worth of servant leadership.

Book: "Lay Servant Ministries"
isbn 978-0-88177-626-3 \$8.50-11

Basic Course for Youth

For grades 7-12

Same book as above.

New!

Leading in Prayer

For many people, prayer remains a mystery. Grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal.
Requires completion of the Basic Course.

Book: "Let the Whole Church Say Amen!"
isbn 978-0-6870-9077-8 \$13-17

Beginning Preaching

Begin to learn tools to create faithful, engaging sermons and learn skills to gain comfort in public speaking in all settings.

Book: "From Pew to Pulpit"
isbn 978-0-68706-660-5 \$10-11

Advanced Preaching

Dig deeper into the skills learned in Beginning Preaching. Discuss types of sermons, using the hymnal, finding a story, and how to better communicate your thoughts.

Book: "From your Heart to Theirs"
isbn 978-0-88177-536-5 \$5-6

Both require the Basic Course and class size is limited to 8.

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Understand your gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Learn what it means to be a spiritual leader.

Requires completion of the Basic Course.

Book: "Each One a Minister"
isbn 978-0-88177-375-0 \$10-13

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

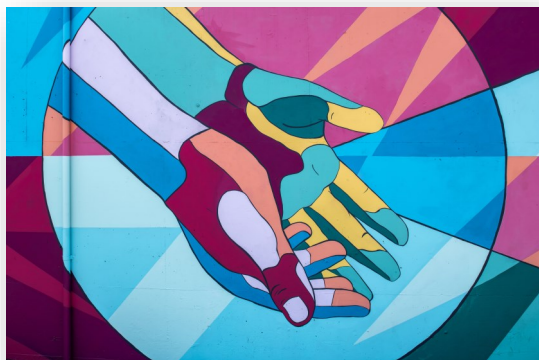
Learn insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.

Requires completion of Basic.

Book: "Lay Pastoral Care Giving"
isbn 978-0-88177-554-9 \$18

Please contact Sandy Atkinson with any questions at atkinson3rd@gmail.com.

NOTE: Students are required to purchase their own materials prior to class. Materials are available through Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com, and other online retailers.



AUGUST Birthdays

8/2 Gracie Boren
 8/4 Charlie Kashman
 Max Maile
 Skyler Shenefield
 Barbara Vitaniemi
 8/5 Zach Allen
 8/6 Rodney Dean
 Rose Ann McCammon
 Sophia Preston
 Peggy Sawyer
 Arionna Walsh
 8/8 Blaine Allen
 Brooke Neubaum
 8/10 Emily Hughes
 8/11 Emily May
 8/12 Pauline Steffel
 8/14 Connie Craig
 Parker Sale
 8/15 Reid Bishop
 8/16 Audrey Rich
 8/17 Jill Beehler
 Brian Brauchla
 8/18 Anne Easterday
 8/19 John McCammon III
 Sally Truman
 8/20 Duane Griner
 8/21 Ken Newell
 8/22 Betty Ferguson
 Benjamin Maile
 8/23 April Griner
 Kim Kelley
 Dennis Mock
 Olivia Stenoish
 8/25 Maureen Hall
 Linda Sims

8/27 Kate Davis
 8/28 Garrett Sale
 8/29 Dawn Allen
 Laurie Mock
 Lois Niemier
 8/30 Rick Compton
 8/31 Chloe Laird

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

9/2 Luke Becknell
 9/3 Zachary Stenoish
 9/5 Christopher Stenoish
 9/7 John Firestone
 9/9 Peggy Rees
 Eleanor Williamson
 9/10 Steve Kesler
 Krista (Andrews) Post
 9/13 Diane Wulliman
 9/14 Hannah Bishop
 9/15 Katy Boren
 Ben Truman
 9/16 Henry Ferguson
 Peter Kaster
 9/17 Jackie Bergen
 Claire (Rich) Harstine
 9/18 Wesley Curson
 Daniel Ferguson
 9/19 Paulene Holderman
 Rebecca Smith
 9/20 Jim Lancaster
 Bob Wulliman

9/21 Keith Cook
 9/22 Ann Baker
 Sully Boren
 9/23 Ray Truman
 9/24 Joyce Boggs
 Lois Smith
 9/26 Jung Hun (Kim) Kim
 Mike Rees
 9/28 Riley Preston
 Wendy Robinson
 9/29 Phil Jenks
 9/30 Joe Harris
 Quinn Kelley

Requesting all changes to addresses; phone numbers; email addresses... for yourself and your grown children no longer living at home!

If you have had ANY change to your contact information within the last year, please send that information to the church office

(busmgr@warsawfumc.org)

After the membership database is updated, a current church roster will be available in September!





Historian

John S. Hetfield

Unitil recently I thought that there were five of our former pastors buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Researching the list of early circuit riders who were assigned to guide our ancestors, I noticed one, John S. Hetfield, who had died in Warsaw and was buried here. However, every census record gave his occupation as a farmer. Had this man really been a minister to our church from 1854 to 1855? I consulted a web site that gave his date of death and that lead me to his obituary in the Warsaw Daily Union March 27, 1905. What a welcome surprise! He is described as "one of Warsaw's oldest citizens" He "came to Warsaw in the early days and was at one time pastor of the M. E. church here and solemnized the marriages of many of the first settlers of the county ". Eureka! I had found one more former pastor buried in Oakwood. John Hetfield was born in New York, had five children, fought in the 'Texas War' (Mexican-American War) and the Civil War. In later years, he lived Warsaw with one of his daughters. He was described as feeble but in full control of his faculties. " The end came peacefully and free from bodily suffering."

Janet K—Church Historian

Youth Ministry

The Youth Group will be having a get-together once per month through the summer.

•Sunday, August 29 - 4-6pm - Youth Pool Party at Courtney's house

•September - Youth Event - Details to come
Youth Group will begin meeting Sept 12 at 10am after the Downtown location 9am service. Contact Courtney Sale if you have any questions! courtneysale1@gmail.com

Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for a special 8 week session built for you and the rest of your family! We will be having a program from 10am-10:45am each Sunday from September 12—October 31 at the Downtown location for kids of all ages as well as well as adults. The kick-off will be September 12th after the combined service for Homecoming Sunday!

College Ministry

Reminder: parents of college students to turn in their child's college address to Diane Wulliman, College Ministry Leader at dwulliman@gmail.com

Small Group Ministry

David Heim and Luke Becknell will be re-starting their small group beginning Friday, September 24 at 6:30pm in the church parlor. We will meet every 4th Friday of the month and our group is open to anyone.



July 7, 2021

Ann M. Baker, Business Manager
First United Methodist Church
179 South Indiana Street
Warsaw, IN 46580

Dear Ann M. Baker,

"To see your child smile even for a split second in the most stressful and painful moment...is just priceless." Thank you for making moments like that possible through your generous donation of \$2230.36 to our South Bend chapter. Because of you, children receiving treatment for life-changing illnesses and injuries receive the comfort of a whimsical pillowcase while their caregivers receive access to resources to help their entire family to cope emotionally.



"Ceci had a heart cath ... and had her ASD closed. It was such a stressful day for me but seeing how excited she was to pick a special treat when we got into our room made me smile for a moment and take a little breath! It meant a lot and we appreciate you thinking of us families who have to face hospital stays with our kids!!!" - A Grateful Mom

On behalf of children, like Ceci, and their families, thank you.

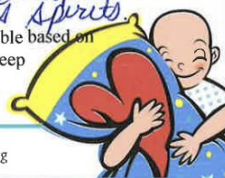
Sincerely,

Melissa Lusk

Melissa Lusk
Executive Director
Melissa@caseforsmiles.org

Ryan's Case for Smiles is a registered 501(c)3 corporation, and your gift is tax-deductible based on IRS and state law. No goods or services were exchanged for this contribution. Please keep this letter for your tax records.

Thank you for helping to provide comfort and support to children with life-changing illnesses and injuries, and their families. The pillowcases really do brighten up the hospital rooms and lift the children's spirits.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for believing in the purpose of Ryan's Case for Smiles to select us as the recipient of the 2nd Quarter Mission coin offering. We are awestruck to have \$2,230 - deposited into our account from the generosity of you - our church family.*

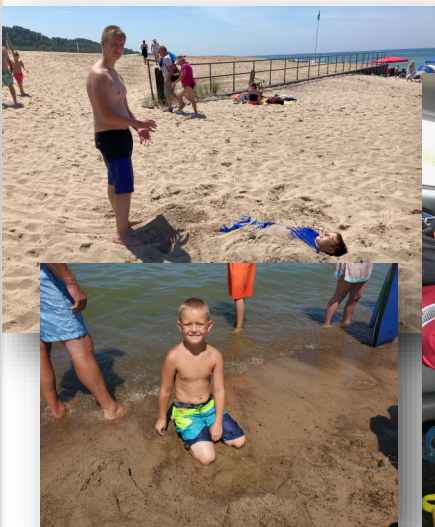
All of you are welcome to attend any of our sessions to sew pillowcases. We are a fun group and no sewing skills are required. Remember - it's not just a simple pillowcase - they provide a smile and

reduce anxiety for our children in the hospital and the home.

*Hugs & smiles to all of you.
Sharon Jakes Coordinators & all of our volunteers - the best around.*



Warren Dunes Outing!



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Our Mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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