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*Work out your salvation with fear
and trembling, for it is God who
works in you to will and to act in
order to fulfill his good purpose.*

Philippians 2:12b-13

Dear Church Family,

As we take steps to come out of pandemic as a church, being able to gather together in person with friends and family once again, putting aside face masks, traveling, and yes being able to be fully together in worship I hear the cheers of joy. As challenging as this past year and a half has been it has given us opportunity to reflect and to reassess life and priorities. We have had to make some significant changes and shifts during this time, some of which have taught us valuable lessons that we will benefit from going forward. One of those lessons for me has been being intentional in my walk of faith growing as Jesus' disciple, in ministry with and in the community, and in listening to God and each other regarding the future of the ministry of our church.

As we see many things getting back to some semblance of normal, it is becoming glaringly obvious to me that we are living in very uncertain, ever-changing times right now and that God is inviting us more than ever to press in and to follow the leading of the Spirit. I love coming together in our buildings to worship and for fellowship and what we are able to do in serving our community in the various ways that we are doing this and continue to see these as vital. But I am seeing a growing and changing community surrounding us that feels that the Church has no relevance for them and that is hungry to see genuine faith lived out. I believe the only way many will see this is if we take very intentional steps to grow in our own personal walk with Jesus and to look for opportunities to reach out with love and the Good News message of God's love.

As we spend time focusing on the person and work of the Holy Spirit this month, I am being reminded how vital the Spirit's presence and power is in our lives as Jesus' disciples and in the call to make disciples of Jesus. Also, that we have a choice to be open to the Spirit's work in us as we "work out our salvation with fear and trembling". That as we walk this journey of faith, to the degree we long for and are surrender to the Spirit of God, we experience the fruit and gifts of God's Spirit. As God's Spirit takes hold of us more and more, we walk, talk, love, and impact the world around us more and more like Jesus did. As we become more and more like Jesus those around us are introduced not just to our "faith" but to the One who makes all things new, Jesus.....and the beat goes on!

My challenge for all of us this summer is that we will make it our aim to work out our salvation with intentionality and determination as God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Take time each day to be in God's presence and to ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you as you walk with Christ,

Pastor Brian

2nd Quarter Mission



Ryan's Case for Smiles is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of children and their families as they cope with life-changing illnesses, injuries and experiences.

Warsaw FUMC member Shannon Jenks is the coordinator of the South Bend, Indiana Chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles, which currently serves six local hospitals – Kosciusko Community, Parkview-Warsaw, Parkview-Columbia City, Mishawaka St. Joe, South Bend Beacon Memorial Children's and A Rosie Place; The Beaman Home; Joe's Kids; and Strengthening Families. About 3,000 pillowcases were delivered in 2020, and the South Bend Chapter is tracking to deliver more than 4,000 pillowcases in 2021.

Upcoming events:

June 14—10a-2p at FUMC 179 S Indiana St, Warsaw

June 18—1:30p-4p at Grace Village, 337 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake (Fellowship Café)

July 16—1:30-4p at Grace Village, 337 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake (Fellowship Café)



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)



Church Finances

Worship Averages thru May 16	
Attendance: In-person: 111 Online: 221	Giving: Offering \$8,683 Missions \$1,091
YTD May 20 Budgeted Financials	
Operating Income:	\$174,443.20
Operating Expenses:	\$175,173.19
1st Quarter Mission Focus: Bashor Children's Home	\$2,353.96
Easter Offering: Beaman Home	\$927.00
2nd Quarter Mission Focus: Ryan's Case for Smiles (includes Mother's Day)	\$1,513.25

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.

Church Cookbook

Deborah's Circle is putting together a cookbook! They are currently collecting recipes for the Recipes for Life Cookbook! Please visit the link below before August 1st using the log-in Deborah Circle and the password is whisk008—You can log onto this link and enter your most beloved family recipes into the site to submit for consideration for the cookbook!

<https://www.typensave.com/html-app/#/311581/recipes>

Pre-order your cookbook today by emailing Maureen at

maureenmauzy@gmail.com - cookbooks are only \$10 and will make great gifts! Proceeds from the sale will go to Deborah's Circle missions.

Calling 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
- Worship Team member by working in Communications and Social Media
- Children's Ministry Team by signing up for dates to work in Children's Church at the Downtown location
- We are also still searching for a Children's Ministry director

You can volunteer, talk to those who you think would be good for the position, and pray that God will help fill these positions within our church.



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 *New!*
For grades 7-12
Same book as above.

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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/2	Piper Shenefield	6/25
6/3	Damon Pyle	6/27
6/4	Lewis Turley	6/28
6/5	Sabrina Kizer	
6/6	Kevin Gough	6/29
6/8	John Gauger	
6/9	Duane Patterson	6/30
6/11	Nancy Carder	
	Laurel Davis	
	Jim Kizer	
6/12	Ted Straiger	
6/13	Christine (Chris) Man nan	7/1
	Connie Seiffert	
6/15	Bob Ferguson	7/2
6/16	Penny Cook	
	Cainan Drudge	7/3
	Mary Hartle	
6/18	Carter Davis	7/4
6/20	Cincade Drudge	7/5
	Courtney (Etchison)	
	Westafer	7/6
6/21	Edit Vitoux	7/7
6/22	Brad Bishop	
	Jennifer Lancaster	7/8
6/24	Judy Drudge	
	John Hall	
	Miranda Haroulakis	7/11

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Ragland			
Astella Drudge	6/25	7/12	Jan Clingaman
Shirley Hand	6/27	7/15	Jerry Clevenger
David Kahn	6/28		Bruce Andrews
Tom Moore		7/18	Pat Lucas
Pat Buskirk	6/29	7/19	Bill Booth
Rob Ellison			William Arford
Mandy Ferguson	6/30		Chet Bartol
David Hamrick		7/20	Henry Gough
Paul Helstern			Caston Drudge
		7/21	Cathy May
		7/22	Brenda Utter
		7/24	Hal May
			Sally Newell
Betty Nyenhuis	7/1		Victoria Trammel
Richard Sisk		7/25	Thom Howard
Danette Till	7/2	7/26	Ben Curson
Michael Gough			Jaylen Miller
Audrey Turley	7/3	7/27	Claire Elliott
Maureen Mauzy			Elizabeth Pyle
LaDonna Petro	7/4	7/28	Tiffany Alberts
Avery Davis	7/5		Tim Kolar
Ron Bradford			Brad Nethercutt
Mariela Certain	7/6	7/30	John DeWilde
Don Wray	7/7		Heather (Anderson)
David Heim			Walker
Cathy Servies Trammel	7/8	7/31	Steve Beehler
David Bailey			Judy McDermit
Jim MacDonald	7/11		
Kathie Votra			
Ruth Bradford			



Community Closet

The Closet is still serving in a drive-thru fashion and will remain as such for the time being. The Closet is currently in need of both men and women deodorant as well as toothpaste. We really appreciate your support!

Starting July 1st, the Community Closet is again in the running for the Beacon Credit Union Project Spotlight award in our community! Project Spotlight is a charitable giving campaign that allows you to nominate local charities, non-for-profits and community projects for the potential to earn funding from Beacon Credit Union. You can vote each day through July 31st, we would really appreciate your daily votes to help us earn funding. Stay tuned via our Social Media or Weekly Outreach emails for more information on how to vote starting in July!

Krystal Smith—Community Closet



Historian

ARCHIVE

Somerville Light (appropriate last name) was pastor in Warsaw from 1891 to 1895. The eldest of seven children, he was born 1860 in Steuben County to James and Francis Light, both of whom had brothers who were in the ministry.

At the age of fourteen he had a conversion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He studied at the Northeastern Indiana Literary Institute, Fort Wayne College, and DePauw University. Because his first two wives died, Dr. Light was married three times.



Somerville Light

In 1881 an orphan train arrived in Warsaw and pastor Light and another pastor arranged to have orphans placed in local homes. As reported in the South Bend Tribune; four year old Walter Gardner was one of those orphans-- a fact for which he often testified how blessed his life had been.

Dr. Light was ordained an Elder in the Northern Indiana Conference in Warsaw in 1886 and was later a District Superintendent from 1909-1924. The Conference memorial describes him as speaking with great personality and as being a great administrator and an astute judge of men. In the ministry for more than 50 years, he retired in 1927 and died in Elkhart 1954. He was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery beside his second wife, Martha Minerva (Cox) Light.

Janet K—Church Historian

Music Ministry

Attention choir and Bell members, it has been a long year for all of us. I want to thank those of you who have helped during the services this past year, by being a Liturgist, helping to lead songs or helping behind the scenes.

I would like to start off our music season with a choir and bell picnic on the 18th of August, (location TBA) then with the first choir rehearsal on August 25 and the first bell rehearsal starting on September 1. The choirs first Sunday will be September 12.

I really look forward to all of us being back together!

God bless,

Music Brian—Worship & Music Director

Youth Ministry

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

- Sunday, June 6 - 4-6pm - Youth Pool Party and Julia Williamson send off at Courtney's house
- Sunday, July 18 - 4-6pm - Youth Event - Details to come
- Sunday, August 29 - 4-6pm - Youth Pool Party at Courtney's house
- September - Youth Event - Details to come

Children's Ministry

The Family Ministry team has re-implemented Children's Church during the Downtown service each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, please email communications@warsawfumc.org to get on the schedule! The team is also currently sending monthly care packages to the children to keep connected with them.

Small Groups a Road to Discipleship

If you look at the church website you will discover that the church has several small groups. Some groups are open and some are so large that they are closed. I recognize that not everyone is able to or is comfortable being in a small group. On the third floor in the downtown church building we have a wonderful small group resource room with lots of materials that individuals and groups are encouraged to use as a way of growing spiritually through study. I strongly encourage you to look at it. We will be adding more material and please let me know if there is a topic or theme you are looking to study that you can not find there.

In addition, Pastor Brian, Eric Shafer and I continue to work on the creation of a Discipleship Pathway that we would like every person in the church to be walking on. The "pathway" includes 1. Reaching or Connecting with others as you explore who Christ is in your life, and then being real with others as they are exploring faith in Christ. 2. Engaging or Embracing Christ as you open yourself to His transforming presence through the study of scripture and issues of faith. 3. Growing and maturing in Christ as you commit to growing through spiritual practices of prayer, study, worship, and serving. 4. Sending and Serving as you grow in your understanding of your spiritual gifts and talents and use those to lead a missional life to share Christ's love wherever you are or feel called. Be aware, the Discipleship Pathway is not a path with an ending, it is a life long process of living in relation to Christ and others. There is a section in the small group resource room on the third floor downtown that is devoted to these four areas. Pastor Brian, Eric and I are looking at doing a sermon series on the Discipleship Pathway in the near future.

If you have questions regarding small groups or ideas for studies via zoom or other unique ways please let Pastor Brian or I know.

One final note. Summer time is great time to find a nice spiritual read to ponder.

Warm Blessings & Peace!

David Heim—Small Groups Coordinator

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