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"...Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity."

John 12:24-25

Dear Church Family,

God's creation is absolutely amazing! As I drive through the countryside of northern Indiana I am awestruck at the beauty and wonder I see as the deep, rich green colors of summer change to reds, oranges, purples, and gold. As the lush greenness of the corn and soybean fields fade to brown and the farmers begin the hard work of harvesting. Being new to the area and having really only seen Indiana's farmland in the summertime, my first few years here as fall approached and the plants began to die off, I would comment to my wife Rebecca, "Wow! Look at how bad those fields look!" Her response having grown up in central Indiana in a farming community was, "That is how it is supposed to be so that the harvest can happen!"

As the harvest season is upon us again, I am reminded of Jesus' words in John 12:24-25 "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity." I think I get so caught up in the allure of the lush greenness of me, myself and I and working hard to preserve what I want and think best that I forget this important lesson from agriculture and John's Gospel. Jesus calls his disciples and continues to call us to lay our lives down so that the harvest of new lives can come. Just like the corn stalks whose kernels are vital to bringing new life and nourishing the world, we as Jesus' disciples are vital to the harvest of souls. I think it amazing that God invites us to be a part of offering the new life and nourishment that God provides.

Jesus' call to lay our lives down so that new life can spring forth is so contrary to the world's call! Just like someone who didn't grow up around corn and soybean fields may look at the dying fields and think it odd, Jesus' call to lay down our lives to produce a harvest in and through us may seem counterproductive and very odd to the world around us. But as we lay our lives down in humble love and service, walking daily with God, filled with the power and presence of the Spirit of God at work in us and through us, the fruit of this lifestyle serves to bless and nourish our world. And isn't that how it is supposed to be?

With you on the journey,

Pastor Brian



4th Quarter Mission Focus

Warsaw

FUMC's Community Closet & Deb's Closet



- FUMC's Community Closet (Downtown Campus) & Deb's Closet (Connection Campus) is the mission focus for the remainder of 2021. Personal care and household items that cannot be purchased with SNAP funds continue to be available curbside on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the alley Atrium door and in conjunction with Strengthening Families on Mondays at The Connection.
- We have been consistently assisting about 80 families – well over 200 individuals. Your “mission” donations as well as a “noisy offering” (aka coin offering) made through your regular giving financially supports this ministry. Please indicate “Closet” in memo section of checks made payable to FUMC or on a separate line of your giving envelope.
- Thank everyone who voted for the Community Closet on the Beacon Credit Spotlight... We ended up getting second place which is \$500.00 to go towards the Closet!
- We are still in great need for the personal care and household items. Currently, we need men and women's deodorant along with shampoo and conditioner. Also, please save your plastic bags and bring them to church Sunday. We are always in need of those bags.
- Thank you for your generous support!

5th Sunday Mission Focus

Kosciusko Co. CROP Hunger Walk

The 5th Sunday Mission Focus for the Sunday, October 31st Service is the Kosciusko County CROP Hunger Walk which will raise funds globally for Church World Service (CWS) and locally for The Salvation Army. Coin offerings and monies designated for “missions” during the Sunday service will support CWS's efforts to end hunger around the world and support Thanksgiving Baskets distributed by St. Anne's Episcopal Church in cooperation with The Salvation Army and Warsaw Community Schools. To support this mission, designate “CROP Walk” on your giving envelope or in memo of your check). You can also give on our website warsawfumc.org and bring loose change in that day. Thank you so much for your support!



United
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October 10
is U.M.W.
(United
Methodist
Women)
Sunday —
Guest

speaker Barb McCoy, Lucille Raines Residence board member. Lucille Raines Residence (LRR), located in Indianapolis and owned and operated by United Methodist Women of Indiana, many of the men and women, who are residents, are actively engaged in rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. They all share in learning to function independently and as whole people in life. Many are finding Christ to be the source of successful recovery. Many ongoing needs for the

Residence including items for the residents to use as well as donations needed to replace an old elevator as well as an air conditioning unit. Collection containers will be located at both church campuses for your donations prior to October 10. Monetary gifts can be made through Warsaw First UMC with notation on your giving envelope or check "for LRR." Donations needed include: Twin sheet sets, pillows, shower curtain liners, laundry detergent, hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash (no alcohol ingredients), denture cleaners, denture brushes, deodorant (m/f), toilet paper, shampoo/cond (m/f) and African American hair care products, body wash (esp for men). We appreciate your support and see you Sunday, October 10th!

Deborah Circle Updates

1. Deborah Circle Recipes for Life cookbook sales continue - \$10 each
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.



Mary Ann's Place

The Beaman Home has purchased a property that will be the new home to our basic needs center - Mary Ann's Place. Grand re-opening is Friday, October 1. Our basic needs center is where community members can donate clothing and household items for Beaman clients to receive. We offer clothing and personal care items that come from the donation center to our clients first when arriving for our residential program. After that, clients can earn vouchers to shop by attending counseling, participating in support group or classes, or meeting with their

case specialist to make goals for their new, safe, life. When it is time for them to move into their new place they can use the vouchers to shop for what they'll need to set up their new home. We also open the store two days a week for low-income families and bargain shoppers from the community to shop. The donation center is staffed by one Beaman employee and many wonderful volunteers. If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, please fill out the application on our website because we'd love to have your help. We hope to see you at the new and improved Mary Ann's Place, located at 704 S. Buffalo on Grand Re-Opening Day - Friday, October 1 at 10 am. Thank you so much for your continued support, we appreciate our community so much!

Dr. Jennifer Hayes, Ed.D, MSM

Executive Director—The Beaman Home

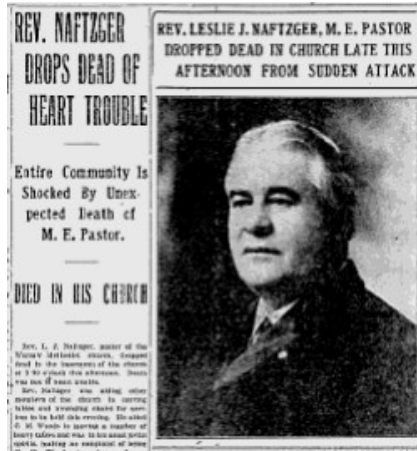
Church Finances

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.

| Worship Averages thru Sept. 26 | |
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| Attendance: | Giving: |
| In-person: 124 | Offering \$8,808 |
| Online: 190 | Missions \$1,607 |
| September 26 YTD Budgeted Financials | |
| Operating Income: | \$362,408.29 |
| Operating Expenses: | \$323,540.56 |
| Quarterly Missions: | |
| 3rd Quarter Focus: Habitat | \$5,088.45 |
| 5th Sunday August: Fellowship | |
| Missions | \$457.87 |
| Sept. 12 Homecoming/UMCOR/US | |
| Disaster | \$986.55 |

Historian

This was a front page story in the Warsaw Daily Times and the Northern Indianian on November 12, 1920. Rev. Naftzger had attended a luncheon at the Hays Hotel and went directly to the church to help move tables and chairs for home-coming evening services. He turned to speak to some women, fell suddenly to the floor and died before doctors could get to his side. News of his death spread rapidly and a prayer service was held for him that evening. His wife was away attending a missionary meeting in Muncie, Indiana at the time of his death, and none of his four sons were present.



Rev. Naftzger was born in Ohio in 1857. Converted at an early age; he “heard the call ...to preach the gospel” at the age of nineteen. “In 1879 he was received in the North Indiana Conference” and served numerous churches successfully... He came to Warsaw from Muncie, IN and preached his first sermon in Warsaw on April 1917. (in 1918 some church services were cancelled because of the Spanish influenza epidemic. Does that seem familiar?) He was a member of the North Indiana M.E. Quartet which “ had a national reputation for its singing of gospel hymns” and encouraged choral and orchestral music in the church.

Rev. Naftzger's “funeral service was one of the largest ever held in Warsaw. As a mark of respect all the stores closed during the hour of service. Seventy ministers and all the District Superintendents... were present”. Rev. Naftzger and his wife, Augusta May, are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Janet K—Church Historian

Family Ministry

- We are continuing on with our First Families program. This is taking place Sundays after the

9am service (10-10:45am) now until October 31st. We have a class for Baby-Preschool, Elementary, Middle School/High School, and Adults/Parents! The children and youth are going through Bible lessons and the Adults are participating in a “group therapy for parents” led Matt Goebel, “Raising Kids in a World We Didn’t Grow Up In.” We hope you and your family will come join us for the remainder of our sessions!



- We will be having a booth at the First Friday event in Downtown Warsaw on November 5th! Bring your whole family for a fun night out! If you are interested in running a carnival-type game for our booth at the event, contact Meighan Laird claird@embarqmail.com!
- College Care Packages will be packed on 10/24 after 9am service. Donations are appreciated, bring something our college kids would enjoy, like single serve crackers, candy, notes of encouragement, etc for 15 students. Thank you for your support of this ministry! Questions? Contact Diane dwilliman@gmail.com



OCTOBER Birthdays

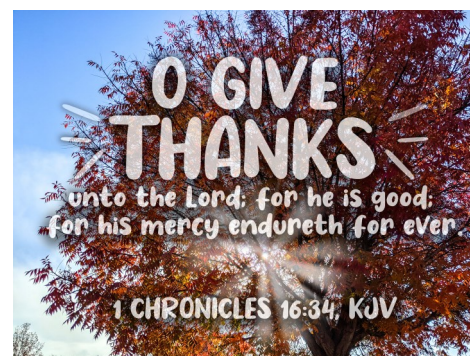
10/1 Scott Miller
 10/3 Jim Miller
 10/4 Hallie Barbour
 Kevin Haroulakis
 John McCammon II
 Akio Miller
 10/5 Caryl Straiger
 Steve Truman
 10/6 Ann Mangas
 Bill Seiffert
 10/8 Phil Harris
 Hawkins Ragland
 Doug Sawyer
 10/9 Arabella Drudge
 Zoe Howard
 Lucille Rich
 Julia Schue
 10/10 Jeanne DeWilde
 10/11 Jane Ferguson
 10/13 Reed Barbour
 10/14 Mike McCammon
 Kathee Reed
 10/18 Jim Walmer
 10/19 Chris Davis
 Sophie Lancaster
 10/21 Alyse Allen
 Kristin Allen
 Sabrina Slone
 10/22 Donna Nordstrom
 10/23 Julia Williamson
 10/24 Kaitlyn Arford
 10/25 Sue Balke
 Aubrey Shafer
 10/27 Mike Mangas
 Libbie Tom

10/28 Don Wilson
 10/30 Steve Flenar
 Elle Turley
 10/31 Lee Hartle
 Vivian Hathaway
 Janet Kirkpatrick

NOVEMBER birthdays

11/2 Kenneth Truman
 11/3 Kendra Etchison
 Judy Wray
 11/4 Scott Seiffert
 11/5 Ann Gephart
 11/6 Josh Drudge
 11/7 Taylor Seward
 11/8 Lara Barbour
 11/9 Crosby Drudge
 11/10 Pam Allen
 Patsy Brallier
 11/11 Jan Arford
 Joan Harris
 11/12 Talia Kelley
 Judi Smith
 11/13 Wayne Nethercutt
 Gail Olds
 11/14 Larry Easterday
 11/16 William Kashman
 Ross Kesler
 11/17 Shirlee Clevenger
 Margaret Kahn
 Sally Kolar
 11/22 Audrey Curson
 Lea Flenar
 Rosemary Horton
 Judi Servies
 11/23 Robin Hughes

11/24 Ruth Shenefield
 Loran Sims
 11/25 John Ferguson
 11/27 Michaela Arford
 11/28 David Ferguson
 Sara (Ferguson) Hala
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 11/29 Marie Holmgrain
 Anna Stenoish
 11/30 Kim Curson
 Della Helvey
 Jeff Plath

**Other Noteworthy Dates:**

10/10—UM Women's Sunday
 10/16—Connection Rummage Sale & Dan's Fish Fry
 10/31—Holy Ghost Weenie Roast—First Families hotdog/smores event
 11/5—FUMC at First Fridays
 11/7—Community Chorus Sunday
 11/21—Hanging of the Greens
 12/19—Christmas Cantata Sunday Downtown
 12/24—Christmas Eve Services at 7pm & 11pm



EDUCATOR SHOWER

This year is our 3rd annual Educator Shower! This is a month where we take time to get to know the educators in our church family. We learn about where they teach and work, what drives them, their prayers for the year, as well as physical needs they have for their facilities and students. In the past, we have been able to collect folders, pencils, snacks, pens, cash for books, hats, gloves, and other basic necessities that help these educators provide for their students. There will be boxes in the **Downtown Atrium** throughout the month of October for you to drop off your donations. Thank you so much for your support of the educators who work hard each day to make an impact in the lives of those students in our community.



Emily Gough

Science Teacher (Biology, Honors Zoology, and AP Environmental Science) at WCHS—15 years

I love seeing the same student in multiple classes and seeing them mature from freshman year to senior year, and then seeing former students out in the community and having them tell me about what they are doing now! Here's my Amazon wish list:

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My biggest prayer right now is just the health and safety of my students and colleagues!



Mandy Bailey

Dear Church Family,

You all have AMAZINGLY kept our school pantry lovingly full of snacks for our students. I coordinate an alternative education program at Warsaw High School called Step One, where we provide academic and emotional support for students throughout their high school career and beyond. The pantry is running low, and we would be so grateful for any donations (granola bars, fruit snacks, prepackaged crackers, ramen noodles - anything individually wrapped). Please drop any snacks off in the church office. We could also use pencils and pens. Thank you for considering! We appreciate you all SO MUCH!

Thanks—Mandy Bailey



Lindsey Wallen

4th Grade (9 years old) - Leesburg Elementary School—12 years

My favorite thing about teaching is connecting with students so that they feel safe and ready to learn with you. It is great when students have the security to be themselves with you at school. When students feel comfortable, they ask more questions, seek help, and have more successful learning experiences.

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I pray that all students stay healthy and happy this year in school. I pray that learning is prioritized and valued throughout our community. I pray that we strive to come together as a community so that we can benefit student needs.



Kim Kelley

Pre-K teacher (4 year olds) - 15 years

Triton Elementary School

My favorite thing about teaching is watching the lightbulb moments when students finally understand a concept they have been trying to learn.

Please pray that I learn how to do this new job and help my students to be prepared for school when they go to kindergarten next year.

Amazon wish list:

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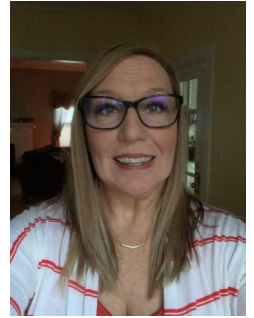
Sara Rode

2nd grade teacher at Claypool Elementary School—27 years

This is actually my 20th year teaching 2nd grade, and I absolutely love it! I enjoy watching the growth, that is made in second grade. Many students enter the school year needing lots of guidance, and most students, by the end of the year, are blossoming into independent learners. This growth makes my heart happy, and fills me up!

Please continue to pray for each student and school staff member to be filled with enthusiasm, and a heart that is filled with excitement to learn and grow. Pray for understanding as we journey through this school year together, with the continued unknowns, changes, and challenges that we face during the pandemic.

For the 2021-2022 school year, I would love to receive any of the items from my Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11PPDU7RZZ6Q3?ref=wl_share, Amazon gift cards to purchase materials for some of our STEM/STEAM activities and other classroom activities. I would also love to be able to provide books to my students, if anyone so chooses to make a financial donation. I could use some adult and kid sized masks (for when students need a replacement in the classroom). Thank you, Warsaw First UMC, for all of your love and support! It is greatly appreciated.



David Bailey

Senior Principal—Warsaw Community High School—teaching 20 yrs

I love watching students mature and change over their 4 years at WCHS. I have been very lucky to work in situation over the past 5 years, where can see the same group of students each year. It is a gift to see them become the people that they want to be.

Need...snack food, candy, notes of encouragement

Prayer for the Senior Class to graduate and for those students to feel the hope that their futures will be ok.



Eric Shafer

Youth Treatment Specialist for 10-21 years old—Pierceton Woods Academy

Favorite Thing About Teaching: Seeing the teenagers we serve grow into respectable young men.

Desired Items: Pens, Pencils, Notebooks, Coloring Books, Journals

Prayer Request: That each boy we serve be able to re-enter the community having learned from their time at PWA, and be able to apply those newly learned skills.



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2021 Advent Calendar

Warsaw FUMC

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| HOPE | Nov. 28 Make a list of your hopes for this season. Create an advent wreath with 4 candles. Eph 1:18 | Nov. 29 Pray anytime you have to wait today- in traffic, in line, during commercials etc. Ps 130:5 | Nov. 30 Choose an advent devotional: paper, online or an app. Put it in your daily calendar. Ps 119:114 | Dec. 1  Send a Christmas card to someone who won't expect it. Rom 15:13 | 2 Find a way to thank someone who serves our church. Thank God for all the people who use their gifts in service. Heb 10:23 | 3 Tape a favorite scripture to your bathroom mirror. Ps 31:24 | 4 Pray for our church service tomorrow. Eph 1:18 |
| PEACE | 5 Pray for someone you struggle to like. Col 3:13 | 6 Leave a thank you or treat for your postal worker or someone else who serves you daily. Col 3:15 | 7 Pray for our soup kitchen and closet tomorrow. Acts 20:35 | 8 Brighten the day of someone who lives alone. II Cor 1:3-5 | 9 Stop and listen to one Christmas song all the way through without doing anything else. Ps 9:1-2 | 10 Do a random act of kindness today. Col 3:12 | 11 Take a walk or drive to look at the Christmas decorations. Matt 3:3 |
| JOY | 12 Sing your favorite Christmas Song-LOUDLY- You can even dance! I Sam 18:6 | 13 Smile at someone you don't know...do it again. Neh 8:10 | 14 Do something that brings you joy. Ps 16:9-11 | 15 Send a thank you note or bring a treat to a teacher you know. Ps 25:4-5  | 16 Let someone go ahead of you. Mark 9:35 | 17 Call, visit or send a note to someone who might be feeling lonely today. Ps 68:4-6 | 18 Give someone your undivided attention today. Luke 10:38-42 |
| LOVE | 19  Contact someone you love that hasn't heard from you in a while. John 3:16-17 | 20 Send a thank you note or take a treat to a healthcare provider. Luke 1:26-33 | 21 Light all four candles and spend some time in silence thinking about HOPE, LOVE, JOY & PEACE Col 3:14  | 22 Leave an encouraging note for someone to find. Heb 3:13 | 23 Give someone a compliment today. Col 2:2 | 24 Read the nativity story out loud. Matt 1:18-23 Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-20 | 25 Light the Christ candle before you get caught up in the festivities of today. John 1:1-4 |
| REFLECT | 26 Read through 5 cards or messages today and pray for the senders. James 5:16 | 27 Send 2 thank you notes and pray for those people. Phil 1:3-6 | 28 Call 2 people you miss and tell them why they are important to you. Rom 1:11-12 | 29 Spend 30 minutes relaxing without interruption today. Ps 62:1-2 | 30 Find a way to thank a law enforcement official or first responder today. II Thes 3:2-3 | 31 Choose 2 things from this calendar to do more often in the New Year. Gal 5:22 | Jan. 1 Take a walk or spend 15 minutes at your window enjoying nature. Ps 19:1-6  |
| GIVE | Jan. 2 Start a box and drop things into it to give to others. Prov 28:27 | Jan. 3 Share a treat with a friend today. Luke 6:38 | Jan. 4 Ask God to bring someone who needs your help today to your mind. Acts 20:34-35 | Jan. 5 Give yourself the gift of at least half an hour today to recharge. Is 40:31 | Jan. 6 The wisemen brought 3 gifts to the Christ child today. What can you bring to people around you? Matt 2:10-11 |  | |