



Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” Jn 13:35

Dear Church Family,

What comes to mind when you think about the Bible? Perhaps the great stories, the laws and prophets or the 10 Commandments of the Old Testament. Maybe the adventures of Jesus and his disciples in the Gospels. Perhaps the adventures of the early church and the letters written to the new Christians. Maybe theology, rules for living, life lessons, or more philosophical ideas come to mind.

Scripture is packed full of all of these and so much more and is crucial in our identity as children of God and specifically as Jesus’ disciples. When I think of the Bible what comes to my mind is relationship. Relationship between God and people and relationships person to person. Relationship is of utmost importance to our Creator as much of Scripture addresses broken relationships in both of these areas, and the restoration that Jesus brings through the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. God goes to great lengths on our behalf when it comes to relationship and invites us to walk with Him.

In the coming weeks in worship, we will be hearing about some very practical ways that God is calling us out of our brokenness to live out love for one another in relationship through God’s indwelling Spirit. A life that may run very counter to our culture, particularly in our polarized country during the craziness of pandemic, differing opinions on culture and morality, and as we approach a highly anticipated and divisive election day in November. These aren’t simple formulas, that if we just follow them step by step everything will be ok. These are Scriptures calling us to do the hard work of love in relationship. Calling us to hold fast to what we believe but to also extend our arms to those around us that may believe very differently.

One of the things that made the early church’s witness so powerful was the Holy Spirit working through ordinary people doing extraordinary things. One of those extraordinary things that the world saw at that time was Christians who were very different from one another, and who otherwise would likely never be in community together coming together with the common mission to make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. What was seen in the early church was Jesus’ words above from John 13 being lived out. Disciples of Jesus loving each other.

My prayer for us in these trying times is that we will confront the darkness that tries to divide and distract us. That we will as Hebrews 12:2 says, “fix our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” That we will continue to be a witness for Jesus to the world around us by our love for one another.

Yours in the journey,

Pastor Brian





Society of St. Andrew

GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

America's Premier Food Rescue and Distribution Ministry

UPDATE on our 3rd Quarter Mission Focus, the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) . . .

The Indiana region of SoSA gleaned 489,637 pounds of fresh produce in 398 events with 283 volunteers in the first eight months of 2020. Food donated by 73 farmers has been distributed to hungry neighbors in coordination with 64 feeding agencies.

Through Sunday, September 20, FUMC's family & friends have donated \$132 in coin offerings and \$505 in mission giving, totaling \$637. **Thank you!**

For those families and individuals who participated in Hunger Action Month using the Prayer and Action Calendar, please remit your donations collected during the month of September to the Church Office or in the Sunday morning offering (indicate "SoSA" on your giving envelope or check) on or before October 11.

4th Quarter Mission Focus . . . Community Closet & Deb's Closet




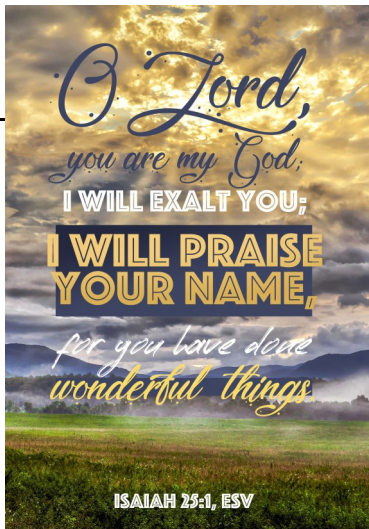
FUMC's Community Closet (Downtown Campus) & Deb's Closet (Connection Campus) is the mission focus for the last three months of 2020. Personal care and household items that cannot be purchased with SNAP funds continue to be available curbside on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at alley Atrium door and in conjunction with Strengthening Families on Mondays at The Connection.

Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated! We have been assisting about 80 families consisting of well over 200 individuals on a regular basis. Donations may be made through designated mission giving as well as a "noisy offering" aka coin offerings. Please indicate "Closet" in memo section of checks made payable to FUMC or on a separate line of your giving envelope.

Thanks so much for your generous support!

Weekly Update

Attendance			Giving	
Aug. 2	Lucerne Online	Rain 300	Offering Missions	3,694.00 2,041
Aug. 9	Lucerne Online	128 160	Offering Missions	9,711.60 647.38
Aug. 16	Lucerne Online	104 232	Offering Missions	6,369.81 119.79
Aug. 23	Lucerne Online	90 160	Offering Missions	7,302.27 1,126.80
Aug. 30	Lucerne Online	108 172	Offering Missions	10,976.27 2,040.00
Sept. 6	Lucerne Online	94 121	Offering Missions	6,625.00 741.25
Sept. 13	Lucerne Online	96 79	Offering Missions	7,278.16 467.08
2020 YTD August —Operating Budget				
Operating Income:			\$297,952.26	
Operating Expenses:			\$271,848.00	
Mission Focus Offerings thru September 13				
African Well LifePump (\$10,000 goal)			\$10,814.70	
3rd Quarter Mission Focus Society of St. Andrew			\$605.64	



A huge "thank you" to everyone for continuing to support the ministry of Warsaw First UMC through this time of caring for our community through social distancing. We now have the capability and convenience to be able to give through our church website. Log onto our church website at warsawfumc.org and click on the "give" link at the top of the page, and from there it will guide you through the process. It is a safe and convenient way to continue to support the ministry of your church.

Strengthening Families Needs



Next Session: 10/7/20-12/14/20, Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

THANK YOU all for supporting Strengthening Families in SO MANY ways! I am so grateful! The families are so grateful! If you would to help with the fall session, here are some current needs:

1. Prayer for peace and openness to connect for families always needed!
2. Meals needed on all Mondays: 10/5-12/14. Meals should be prepped and ready by 5:50 p.m. Due to COVID restrictions, food will have to be prepared at home and brought in

ready to serve. If you would rather not serve the food due to COVID, our team is happy to do so.

3. Babysitting always needed. Help needed on one or multiple dates. It is a FUN group of volunteers! They would love to have you join them! COVID precautions will be in place, including limited numbers of kids, limited amount of toys, masks and social distancing as much as possible. Very young babies will stay with their parents.

Contact Mandy Bailey (mbailey@warsawschools.org, 574-527-8776) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer!

Special Story from Strengthening Families...

The spring semester of SF was cut short due to COVID. However, we met virtually and families were able to pick up dinners at Papa Johns and American Table because of generous donations! It was great to still stay connected. However, facilitators and participants all agreed we greatly missed the warm environment of The Connection and FUMC's generosity in providing multiple meals and a place to meet. We are so thankful for the way FUMC has welcomed SF families into the FUMC family. Such a gift!



Hello All! Hope you are having a wonderful start to fall! Recently, I made a tough announcement about children's ministry. I am passionate about

serving as children's ministry director. I love kids. I love working alongside your families! I love working with families and kids so much, I've said "yes" to too many things.

This fall Warsaw High School asked me to work full time. I believe this work with teens in need of social, emotional, and academic support is what Dave and I are called to do. I said yes to the full time work, but that meant I had to say no to something else. I also coordinate Strengthening Families, and most importantly am a mom to Keller and Finn. I don't want to miss any of their events during the week.

Thank you for your understanding and kind words and notes after the announcement. You have always been so encouraging to me and to the children's ministry program. Thank you! Looking forward to seeing what the next chapter of children's ministry at FUMC looks like. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts! Please email or call Pastor Brian or me with any thoughts you may have or if you or someone you know may be interested in this position!!

****For those interested the Children's Ministry or Church Involvement, please come to a brainstorming meeting 10/13 at 6p.m. at The Connection Campus to discuss the future of the ministry.****



Mandy

Questions about FUMC Children's Ministries?

Contact Mandy Bailey (children@warsawfumc.org or 574-527-8776).

OCTOBER

Birthdays

10/3	Jim Miller
10/4	Kevin Haroulakis John McCammon
10/5	Caryl Straiger Steve Truman
10/6	Ann Mangas Bill Seiffert
10/8	Philip Harris Hawkins Ragland Doug Sawyer
10/9	Zoe Howard Lucille Rich Julia Schue
10/10	Jeanne DeWilde
10/11	Jane Ferguson
10/14	Mike McCammon Kathe Reed
10/18	Jim Walmer
10/19	Chris Davis
10/21	Alyse Allen
10/21	Kristen Allen Sabrina Slone
10/2	Donna Nordstrom
10/23	Julia Williamson
10/24	Kaitlyn Arford
10/25	Sue Balke
10/27	Mike Mangas
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
11/7	Taylor Seward
11/10	Pam Allen
11/10	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
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
11/26	Barb Guy
11/27	Michaela Arford
11/28	David Ferguson Sarah (Ferguson) Halajian
11/29	Marie Holmgrain Annaliese Stenoish
11/30	Kim Curson Della Helvey Jeff Plath

Sunday Worship

Worship virtually each Sunday through WIOE 101 at 9am Sunday. After 10:30am, watch the Sermon on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information. In-person services to resume 10/4 with a 9 a.m. service at the Downtown campus and an 11a.m. service at the Connection Campus.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

THANK YOU for providing so many wonderful healthy snacks, warm drinks and school supplies for our Step One program at WCHS! You all are so generous, thoughtful, and kind. We also received generous cash donations. We are so excited to purchase a popcorn machine for our class. We will have fresh, warm popcorn for all of our students every Monday! We appreciate the gifts so much. We have many kids who are hungry and come to our room for snacks daily. They are thankful for your generosity and love. Even more important than the food is the act of giving, which is a wonderful example for our students. THANK YOU! We feel loved, encouraged and supported by you all!
With Love, Mandy & Dave Bailey Step One Program (WCHS)

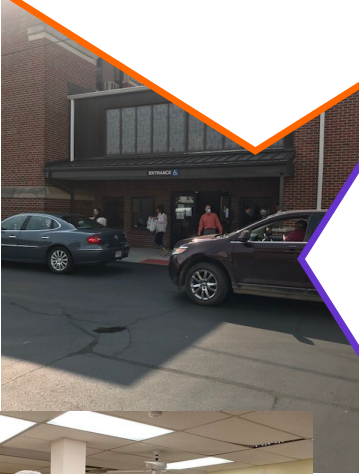
We would like to thank all the people that have thought and prayed and contributed for us during the passing of our son Sam.

Lee & Mary Hartle

Community Kitchen & Closet Update

Currently Serving:

296 people
80 families



Current Closet Needs:

Laundry detergent
Dish Soap
Deodorant (male & female)
Shampoo & Conditioner

Current Kitchen

Needs:

Contribution of time
Contribution of funds



Get ready for our Second Annual Advent Calendar to help stock the Warsaw FUMC Community Closet! Make the countdown to Christmas fun and different. We will provide an Advent calendar for you to use in your countdown. Each day of December, choose an item such as a toothbrush, roll of toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, cleaner, or any similar item and put it in your Advent bag/box. Next, color in the box on your calendar and when all the boxes are filled in bring the items into the church office. The calendars will be available after church services on 11/22 and 11/29 and also available online. Thank you from all the volunteers of the Community Closet!

For questions regarding the Kitchen—contact Maureen Mauzy at maureenmauzy@gmail.com or 574-551-0909. For questions regarding the Closet—Krystal Smith at princessbeachpurple@yahoo.com.



PASTOR APPRECIATION

Pastor Appreciation Month!

October is Pastor Appreciation month! Take time to send your notes and tokens of appreciation to Pastor Brian this month. Cards or other items can be mailed to the church office 179 S. Indiana Street Warsaw, IN 46580. Let's make our wonderful pastor feel the love this month!

Deborah's Circle—a new United Methodist Women's Group

A new United Methodist Women group is offering opportunities for spiritual growth, mission giving, social action and vital discipleship during these difficult times. Our community of women's purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. We strive for love of God and neighbors. All are welcome; it is not necessary to be a member of the United Methodist Church. Monthly Virtual Meetings, until further notice. Interested? Please contact Kathie Votra (260) 568-0977 or kvotra1@gmail.com

Visiting Communion In the month of November we will resume our mission of Visiting Communion. This mission provides Communion to anyone that is unable to attend church because they are homebound, have temporary medical issues or are not yet comfortable in a group meeting. The elements will be delivered and served after the 9:00 church service. If you would like to receive this service please call the church office. If you would like to join the ranks of these very loyal volunteers please contact Jackie Bergen at 574-267-3881. You do not need to volunteer every month just the months you choose!



Calling all Volunteers!

- AVAILABLE AT ALL BUILDINGS
- DAILY OPPORTUNITIES
- MULTIPLE WAYS TO SERVE
- AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU'RE ABLE
- NO SKILLS REQUIRED
- COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOLLOWED
- BACKGROUND CHECKS PROVIDED

WE NEED YOU!

**Support the
Students at
Warsaw
Community
Schools**

CONTACT
KPOLSTON@WARSAWSCHOOLS.ORG FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

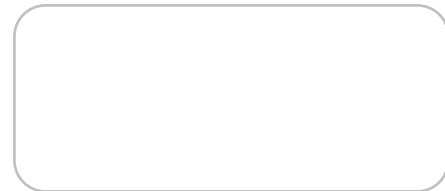
The College Care Ministry Team is collecting addresses for our college students. Once we see how many students are on campus and how many are learning from home we will be sending cards of encouragement and/or care packages. Please contact the church office to make sure we have the correct address for your student.. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Historian Activities

If you or your children went on a Church work trip, contact me (jjkirkpatrick69@centurylink.net) so I can update the list of all trips. The display cabinet at the top of the ramp downtown, shows some of the pics from past trips. Also, I have downsized our archive of photos, come by the church office to see if you can find any of you or your family.

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Sunday Worship Opportunities

9:00 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sanctuary Downtown – 179 South Indiana Street, Warsaw

Radio Ministry – 9:00 a.m. LIVE Broadcast WIOE-FM 101.1

11:00 a.m. – Contemporary Service

The Connection Campus – 1692 West Lake Street, Warsaw

Also broadcast on Facebook Live

In-Person Worship Guidelines

Face masks required at all times, social distancing of 6', use hand sanitizer upon entry, single entry and multiple exits available, wait for ushers seating and dismissal, no children's church or nursery, no food or drinks, worship virtually if not feeling well.

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

Downtown: 179 South Indiana Street, Warsaw (mailing address)

The Connection: 1692 West Lake Street, Warsaw

Office: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

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