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Dear Church Family-

We have been focusing on “Mission” over the past month in worship; what it means and what is most needed when it comes to fulfilling our call to make disciples of Jesus in the unique ways God has given and will give us to do this. We have been challenged through the Scripture readings to not just once but daily give ourselves fully to God; be filled with the Holy Spirit; be still and listen for God’s way and timing (call a time out as needed!); to endure through the many trials, temptations, and challenges; and to keep Christ and the Good News of Jesus in the forefront of what we are about as we answer God’s call. We have sought feedback from you to hear your dreams, your heart, where you sense God leading for the future of the ministry of our church. Our church Operational Team members (Kathe Reed, Mandy Ferguson, Courtney Sale, Brian Brauchla, Ed Christoffel, Bill Booth, Ann Baker, Eric Shafer, and I) have been wrestling with where we are right now as a church and where God might be guiding, reading through your responses, fasting, praying, and listening for the Holy Spirit’s leading, and are working in conjunction with you our church family and our Servant Council to discern next steps for our church. The struggle as we hopefully come out of pandemic in an ever-shifting world is this pull between getting stuck in what’s familiar and comfortable on one end and giving in to the temptation to reflexively strike out in a direction without hearing each other and giving God time and place for the stretching and discerning on the other end.

We will be gathering and together as an entire church family at our beautiful Downtown Campus, Sunday, February 6 at a special time 10am to celebrate the outreach of our church through the various mission ministries we are supporting in 2022, with special guests Bishop Julius L. Trimble and our Conference Superintendent Dr. Marti Lundy. Also, over the next couple of months, we will be sharing with you through weekly worship and outreach emails what we are hearing from you and from the Holy Spirit and continuing to invite feedback as you pray and listen. I also hope that you will plan to be a part of an important gathering Saturday, February 26th 9-11am at our amazing Connection Campus as we meet to hear and discuss where we are sensing God leading us, and meet those who are helping lead in the ministry of the church at our All-Church Annual Retreat. If you think you will be attending, email the church office at office@warsawfumc.org. If you would like to be a part of getting together with others to pray and listen, come each Tuesday night Downtown from 5-6pm and Thursday morning 11-11:55am at the Connection Café. In these corporate settings of prayer it always amazes me how the Spirit of God speaks to our hearts as we listen.

I love that there is such a mosaic-like array of thoughts and ideas both in our congregation and our leadership that may sound like a cacophony of noise at first hearing. As we do the intentional, at times hard work of listening to each other and the Holy Spirit, I am so excited to see what God has in store for us. Two things I am certain of with every fiber of my being are that God has really good plans for us as a church to be a transformational light and presence of the love of Jesus to a broken, hurting and dying world; and that God through the power of the Holy Spirit in us is able to do abundantly more than we could ever imagine bringing healing and hope as we humbly surrender ourselves to God.

For the future of the ministry of Warsaw First United Methodist Church I believe it will take all of us intentionally and daily giving ourselves to God, being filled with the Holy Spirit, listening to the Spirit’s leading, standing firm on God’s Word enduring the stuff of life, keeping fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith and answering his call to Mission.

Loving being on the journey with you—*Pastor Brian (PB)*

1st Quarter Mission Focus



Bashor Children's Home began nearly 100 years ago as the Bashor Deaconess Orphanage for boys near Goshen, Indiana, on land donated to the Methodist Episcopal Church by John and Emaline Bashor. Around 1970, Bashor evolved from a traditional orphanage to a provider of professional residential treatment services. In 1974, Bashor began admitting girls into residential care. While continuing the affiliation with the United Methodist Church, Bashor has expanded services over the years to provide "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow" to troubled children and their families in collaboration with a number of agencies and through a variety of programs including education, residential treatment, community based services and therapeutic foster care. Most recently, Bashor opened Abby Thomas House and the Welch/Innomed Residential Building in January 2022 to provide shelter and intensive therapy for teen-aged girls rescued from human trafficking.

Interested in making a difference in a Bashor child's or teen's life as a Spiritual Life Volunteer? Check out this and other volunteer opportunities at <https://bashor.org/GETINVOLVED/Volunteer.aspx>.

Mission funds (including any coin offerings) collected during the 1st quarter will support Bashor's programs. Learn more about Bashor Children's Home at their website (www.bashor.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BashorChildresHome).

Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

Lenten Devotionals

This Lenten Season, March 2 – April 17, 2022, you are invited to participate in the spiritual discipline of Daily Lenten Devotions provided by the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). About this year's devotionals –

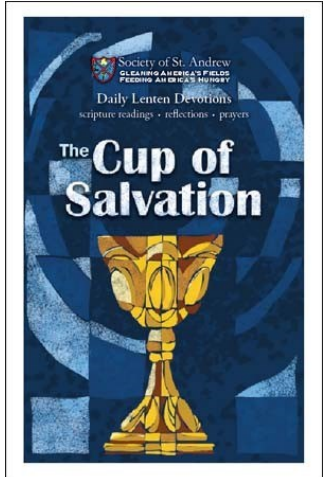
As we step into Lent in 2022, may we remember

how quickly things changed for Jesus after his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – where he would be arrested, crucified, and then resurrected on Easter Day! What a mix of emotions the followers of Jesus must have experienced. What uncertainty!

Consider others in the midst of their season of change during these uncertain times. Post pandemic, many lost jobs, and others lost homes. Finances run out but not the hunger of their own children! What are they to do? Where can they turn?

The writers of this year's devotionals share firsthand experiences where they were offered The Cup of Salvation in their own lives or were able to grow alongside their neighbors as they received blessings.

Devotional booklets and Daily Lenten Devotions by Email are available at no cost. However, you will have the opportunity to give in support of SoSA's feeding ministries, reflecting Jesus' own concern for the least, the last, and the lost. A limited number of booklets are available at both campuses, or you can sign-up to receive the devotions by email or download the booklet at <https://endhunger.org/lent/#print>.





IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries

of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana

From the Outdoor Ministries of the UMC of Indiana—Every summer, the Indiana Conference's seven campsites host over 2,000 campers who have life-changing experiences. As we are gearing up for church camps this summer, we would love your help sprucing up our sites. Below, you'll find just a few of the things we need to mark off our "to do" lists.

If you, your family, your small group, or your church would like to volunteer your time and/or talents, we would be most grateful. Thank you in advance for your part in advancing the Kingdom!

One of the seven of the camps is our local Epworth Forest Conference Center (North Webster, IN) and here are the ways you can help:

- The Volunteer Village (old Sandy Kay) needs gutted and remodeled (updating electrical outlets and light switches, drywall, painting, ceiling tiles replaced, vinyl siding, water heater replacement, shower installed).
- The old flat lodges need painted.
- Whitefield Lodge needs a handicapped restroom remodeled and cleaned.
- Several trees need cut up and cleared away.
- The Beach House swimming pier needs to be put back in the water.

Contact: Vince Pattengale, vince.pattengale@impact2818.org



Church Finances

Weekly Update

<i>Attendance (in-person/ virtual)</i>			<i>Giving</i>	
Christmas Eve	7:00p 11:00p	180/72 83/45	Christmas Missions	2,236.00
Dec. 26	9:00 11:00	53/93 20/96	Offering Missions	4,911.38 1,005.04
Jan. 2	9:00 11:00	75/72 25/119	Offering Missions	9,636.00 256.33
Jan. 9	9:00 11:00	102/73 39/174	Offering Missions	7,683.20 24.21
Jan. 16	9:00 11:00	108/81 39/112	Offering Missions	8,178.38 2,659.42
Jan. 23	9:00 11:00	80/94 22/119	Offering Missions	23,149.94 12.60

2021 December Year-end — Operating Budget

<i>Operating Income:</i>	\$486,989.91
<i>Operating Expenses:</i>	\$440,889.90

Mission Focus Offerings

4th Quarter as of Dec. 31 Community Closet	\$8,248.82
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2021 Conference Mission Totals

Bishop's Christmas Offering	\$1,133.00
Bashor Home	\$2,353.96
Lucille Raines Residence	\$600.00
Disaster Response US	\$2,511.55
UMCOR Sunday	\$974.50
NORTH DISTRICT	\$4,574.00
Sierra Leone OC	\$105.00
Tithe Income	\$45,737.00

Historian

Rev. Everett J. Arthur was born on February 23, 1892 in Ohio. At the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and during World War I became both the Indiana State and National Chaplain to the Mexican Border Veterans. In 1916, he married Mary J. Johnston and they raised a family of two sons and two daughters. He graduated from God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio and attended the school of Ministerial Training at Ohio Wesleyan University. From 1959 to 1962 he served as the Associate Pastor with Rev. Habgood and Rev. LaSuer at the Warsaw First Methodist Church. During those years he assisted as chaplain at the Warsaw hospital and worked with the handicapped. From 1973 until his death in 1977, Rev. Arthur resided in the Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, Indiana. Rev. Arthur and his wife are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.



Rev. E. J. Arthur

Glance at the Past: If you have a photo of the balconies or part of a balcony that surrounded the sanctuary before the 1980 renovation, please let me know. I do not find any good pictures of how the entire room looked, and I would like to scan a photo to add to the Archive.

Janet K—Church Historian

Ash Wednesday Service



Wed, March 2nd
6:30pm
Downtown location
179 S Indiana Street

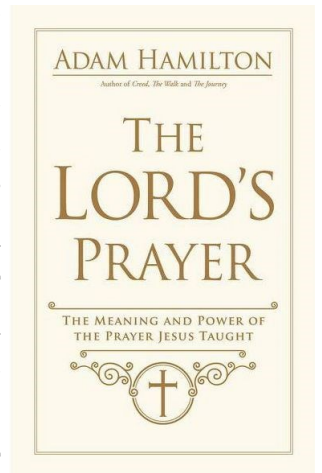
Small Groups

Current short-term group meeting:

- “Make a Difference” class
 - Continues February 13, 20 and 27
 - Connection on Sundays 10:10a-11a

Lenten Study coming soon:

Most of us have repeated the familiar words of the Lord's Prayer hundreds, if not thousands of times. Has it become a little too rote for you? Do you really understand what you are asking for when you pray? Do you know how to use it as a model for your daily prayer? This is an invitation to dig deeper into the Lenten Series on the



Lord's Prayer that will be the topic of our sermons, our family ministry and either an in person study with Dave Heim and Bill Kaster on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am at the Connection Campus or in a Zoom meeting with Diane Quance on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. We will all be using the same resource material, Adam Hamilton's book "The Lord's Prayer". You can call the church office, (574)267-6933, to order or borrow the book or order it for yourself on Amazon.com. "The prayer is meant by Jesus" he writes, "to shape our lives and, through us, to shape and change the world".

- The “Lord’s Prayer- Adam Hamilton study
 - March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 at the Connection on Sundays 10:10a-11a
 - Or March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12 via Zoom at 6:30pm Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/96977724227?pwd=emtNcFl2b1ZyTkN4ZjdrOjFpM0dpOTQ9>



FEBRUARY

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2/1 John Clay
 2/2 Melanie Carmer
 2/5 Chad Laird
 Deanna Smith
 2/6 Marceil Conley
 Jon Siesennop
 2/8 Kim Kesler
 Kelsey Nethercutt
 2/10 Lori Roe
 2/12 Olivia Egolf
 Katie McKibbin
 2/13 Richard Balke
 Nancy Holmes
 Lynne Shafer
 2/14 Richard Harrold
 Makira Walsh
 Mariah Walsh
 Melaina Walsh
 2/15 Nick Kelley
 Chuck Niemier
 2/17 John Kirkpatrick
 2/19 Bill Myers
 2/20 Adric Pyle
 2/21 Shirley Bartol
 Priscilla Wood
 2/22 Don McDermit
 2/24 DeLaney McCammon
 2/25 Marilyn Savage
 2/26 Sue Bradway
 Heenam (Hannah) Jung
 Kathy MacDonald
 Jennifer Savage
 Tom Till
 Jan Wilcox
 2/27 Camile Certain



MARCH

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3/1 Cassidy Neubaum
 3/3 Billie Davis
 Jennifer Kerns
 Tim McCammon
 3/4 Emily Gough
 3/5 Aaron Quance
 Amelia Sale
 3/6 Andy Wright
 3/7 Kay Ritter
 3/8 Katie Smith
 3/9 Deb Bishop
 Laura Bixel
 Kara Harris
 Diana Wright
 3/11 Carol Clay
 Marta Dunwell-Klotz
 3/12 Keller Bailey
 3/16 Grayson Kelley
 3/17 Liam Kerns
 3/18 Pastor Brian Smith
 3/19 Meaghan McCammon
 Jack Rhinehart
 3/21 Penny Helvey
 Jo Spangler
 3/22 Murray Bartel
 Lynne Christiansen
 3/23 Owen Compton
 3/24 Deb Wright
 3/25 Andrew Gauger
 Nick Hamrick
 3/28 Barbara Anderson
 3/30 Freida Helm
 Meighan Laird
 Jeff Neubaum

Family Ministry

Children

- 2/6—First Families Cancelled, Combined 10am service
- 2/20—Kid Mission Idea Collection
- 3/20—Kid Mission
- 3/27—First Families Winter Session ENDS



Youth

Youth Encounters Within the Church began in January. Students have been getting to know other adults in our congregation and the adults have been getting to know the youth. This has helped to provide an opportunity to learn about what goes into different aspects of the church that maybe the students weren't aware of previously.

Upcoming Events

- 2/6 NO CLASS, Combined 10am service
- 2/13 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Lori Stovall)
- 2/20 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Jan Wilcox)
- 2/27 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Janet Kirkpatrick)
- 2/27 1:00 Arrival Time LASER TAG at Lazer X, Ft. Wayne
- 3/6 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Ann Baker)
- 3/13 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Krystal Davis)
- 3/20 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Pastor Brian)
- 3/27 10:00 Meeting on 3rd Floor (Diane Quance)



Adults

- 2/6—First Families Cancelled, Combined 10am service
- 2/13—Intentional Parenting series begins
- 2/24—6:30pm Girls Night Out Ledgeview Brewing 975 Warren St
- 3/19—10am Guys Day Out Kosko Gun Club 2391 Fox Farm Road
- 3/27—Family Mission—bring in clothes for Leesburg Closet
- 3/27—First Families Winter Session ENDS



FIRST FAMILIES

JOIN US FOR

INTENTIONAL PARENTING

FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 27
10 - 11AM

WARSAW FUMC
179 S INDIANA STREET



QUESTIONS?
COMMUNICATIONS@WARSAWFUMC.ORG



College Ministry

The college care ministry team will be packing Spring college care packages for our 10 college students on Sunday, April 3. We will be collecting single serve snacks like cookies, crackers, chips or candy through the month of March. Please drop off your donations in the church office or in the atrium drop box on Sundays in March. Our committee is also looking for additional members so if you are interested in helping with this ministry that meets three times a year, please contact Diane Wulliman at dwulliman@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of this project.



How to Get Involved

There are so many opportunities here at Warsaw First UMC!

- Choir
- Handbells
- Missions
- Childcare
- Teaching
- Small Groups
- Classes
- Usher
- Greeter
- Marketing/Advertising
- Liturgist
- Soundboard
- Video
- Instrumental
- Outreach
- Office Help
- Communications
- Physical Labor
- Prayer
- Other

If you are interested please email courtneysale1@gmail.com and she can answer any questions and point you in the right direction!



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

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