



Connecting all people to God's love and purpose

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service / Downtown: 179 South Indiana Street
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service @ Joe's Kids (1692 W. Lake Street)

April 7, 2024 ~ Communion Sunday

Scripture today ~ Luke 24:13-35 (Contemporary English Version [CEV])

That same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about eleven kilometers from Jerusalem. As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and started walking along beside them. But they did not know who he was. Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about as you walked along?" The two of them stood there looking sad and gloomy. Then the one named Cleopas asked Jesus, "Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn't know what was happening there these last few days?" "What do you mean?" Jesus asked. They answered: Those things that happened to Jesus from Nazareth. By what he did and said he showed that he was a powerful prophet, who pleased God and all the people. Then the chief priests and our leaders had him arrested and sentenced to die on a cross. We had hoped that he would be the one to set Israel free! But it has already been three days since all this happened. Some women in our group surprised us. They had gone to the tomb early in the morning, but did not find the body of Jesus. They came back, saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some men from our group went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they didn't see Jesus either. Then Jesus asked the two disciples, "Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? Didn't you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before he was given his glory?" Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets. When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him, "Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down." So Jesus went into the house to stay with them. After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread. He blessed it and broke it.

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Then he gave it to them. At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared. They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" So they got up and returned to Jerusalem. The two disciples found the eleven apostles and the others gathered together. And they learned from the group that the Lord was really alive and had appeared to Peter. Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

Thank you for joining us in person and in virtual worship today!

Let us know you joined us for worship today (regular attendees and guests) by completing the Welcome to Warsaw First UMC! card provided. Guests are asked to complete so we may add you to our weekly updates for church activities. Or, if virtual attending, by sending us a comment. Large-print worship folders are also available; please see an usher.

Statistics from last week:

Attendance: 9:00a 209 in-person; 154 virtual / 11:00a 31 in-person

Weekly Giving*: \$4,234.42; Missions: 1st Quarter Habitat for Humanity YTD: \$1,856.91

*(Monday-Sunday) Design Outreach/Life Pump Goal—\$17,000.00—YTD \$15,020.44

Special-Called Charge Conference Sunday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. Full Members of Warsaw First UMC are encouraged to come to the Downtown Sanctuary Sunday, April 14, for a special Called charge Conference to affirm Diane Quance's Candidacy for Licensed Pastoral Ministry. The Conference will be led by our Conference Superintendent the Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy and will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Exploration beginning April 28 Interested in finding out more about membership at Warsaw First UMC? Beginning Sunday, April 28, join with Pastor Brian in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for a 6-week discussion on what we believe as United Methodists and what membership is all about. Please indicate your interest in participating on your welcome card or call the church office.

April 10 Monthly Connect on Wednesday—Fellowship Hall 6:00-7:00pm Childcare provided. Join us for an event open to all where we will eat, talk together, and enjoy a speaker from the Care Portal on how we can better reach the youth in our community. Bring an appetizer to share!

Making Sense of the Bible, our basic Bible study, begins today! Familiar United Methodist pastor and author, Adam Hamilton, has written both a scholarly and a readable introduction to the Bible. In this 6-week study he describes "the Old Testament in 15 minutes" and "the New Testament in 15 minutes." He discusses what the Bible "is" and "is not." He reminds us who wrote the Bible and how the bible came to be. He leads us in how to read and interpret the Bible. Pastor Bill Kaster will lead this course. [Our class will meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00p beginning April 8.](#) Please register for "Making Sense of the Bible" at the church office and purchase your books. You may also use the back of the Welcome/Comment cards to register.

2nd Quarter Mission Focus

The mission focus for the second quarter of 2024 is raising funds for the 2024 Warsaw MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children that will physically take place in October. The goal is to pack 1,000,000 meals! At a cost of approximately 29 cents per meal, that is a total cost of \$290,000. How many meals can the Warsaw FUMC family fund – 5,000 at \$1,450 . . . 10,000 at \$2,900 . . . or MORE???



Ongoing prayers for...

Our Church
Pastor Brian and Family
Pastor Stacy and Family
Our church family in long-term care facilities or home-bound.
Our students and Educators
Our Country
Military Personnel
All healthcare workers
First Responders
Unspoken prayers

Betty Ferguson
Mary Read
Judy Drudge

Kim Sprunger
Denny Bailey
Madi, Noah, & Family
Devon Wood
Cathy Shull
Cathie Kammer
Amanda Ellinger
Priscilla Conley
PSG Families
KT
Carson
AJ
Jason Goon
Phillip
Tornado victims
Haiti

Elise and baby
Clara Griner
Natalie Boley
Adele Wollman Family
Bonnie Hile
Richard Sisk
George Wright
Elmer and Amanda
Amy Sexton
Ronda Wagner

Prayer requests: Contact the church office (574-267-6933) or Richard and Sue Balke (574-267-3787)

Pastoral Care: If you would like a pastoral visit in emergency, sickness, hospital, or just to talk, please contact the church office at 574-267-6933. *After hours: Pastor Brian at (863) 257-0244*

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Scheduled for this week (as of 4/3/2024)

Monday—April 8

- 9:30a Women's Morning Bible Study—Parlor
- 1:00p Ministry Team—Boardroom**
- 6:30p *Making Sense of the Bible*—Parlor
- 6:30p Cub Pack 3731—Fell. Hall; LL-2, LL-3; Room 202
- 7:00p Boy Scouts 0730—Room 303

Tuesday—April 9

- 5:00p Prayer Group—Parlor
- 5:30p Girl Scouts #0158—Room 203
- 6:00p Balke Small Group—Parlor

Wednesday—April 10

- 11:00a Community Kitchen & Closet
- 1:30p Staff Meeting—Boardroom
- 1:30p Wednesday Small Group—Parlor
- 6:00p Connect on Wednesday—Fell. Hall
- 6:00p Ginn Handbell Choir—Alcove
- 6:30p Al-anon—Room 203
- 7:00p Worship Visioning Team—Room 302
- 7:00p Lambda Chi/Bradway—Parlor
- 7:00p—Sanctuary Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday—April 11

- 8:00a Men's Bible Study/Pastor—Zoom
- 9:00a Men's Bible Study/Becknell—LL-2
- 9:30a Rees Small Group—Parlor
- 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study—Zoom
- 7:00p Praise Team @ Joe's Kids

Friday—April 12

6:00-9p Youth Network @ Warsaw First

Saturday—April 13

Sunday—April 14

- 9:00a Worship Service @ 179 S Indiana St. Brothers in Harmony Guest Music
- 10:00a First Families Programs—Pre-K Rm 201; Grades K-3—Rm 203; Grades 3-6—Rm 202; Youth—Rm 303; Parents—Rm 302
- 10:10a Fidelity Sunday School—LL-2
- 11:00a Contemporary Worship @ Joe's Kids
- 5:30p Charge Conference—Sanctuary**
- 7:30p AA Sunday Night Big Book—LL-3

Birthdays coming up...

- 4/8 Kyle Mangas
- 4/9 Sue Pyle
- 4/10 Jan Hamrick
Michael Jenks
- 4/12 Troy Turley
- 4/13 Judy Miller
- 4/15 Nancy Williams
Patti Longenecker

AA Support Group Meetings:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3*
- Tuesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3*
- Wednesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3*
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3*
- Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Sunday 7:30 p.m. LL-3*

Al-Anon

- Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Room 203*
- Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:**
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
- Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

The People of God at Worship ~ 9:00 a.m.~ April 7, 2024

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE Pastor Brian Smith

PRELUDE Terry White

*OPENING PRAYER Pastor Brian

*HYMN No. 309 verses 1, 3, 6 *On the Day of Resurrection*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation response in bold) Pastor Diane Quance

Easter is over. The sound of the bells, the organ swelling, voices singing in praise. And now we are left to go on.

It got so gray and gloomy. It even snowed! It's hard to keep that Resurrection feeling.

It can be so hard to get back to the drudgery of everyday life after such an intense and uplifting experience. It's easy to lose hope.

How do we keep living as Resurrection people?

The hope Jesus gives doesn't depend on mountaintop experiences. It is contained in the words He spoke. It is in the Holy Spirit filling us.

Then come Holy Spirit. Be present in our hearts today and through the coming week. Fill us again with that Resurrection Hope.

CHORAL ANTHEM *A Song of Joy*
~ by A. Pote
Maxine Currie, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READING (on folder cover) Pastor Diane

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri, Hymn No. 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HYMN No. 521 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Katie Maile

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Brian

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE

Resurrection Fire

Pastor Brian

HOLY COMMUNION

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*Doxology, Hymn No. 94 (together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN No. 178 verses 1, 4, 5

Hope of the World

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

On the Day of Resurrection (UMC Hymn No. 309)

On the day of resurrection to Emmaus we return; while confused, amazed, and frightened,
Jesus comes to us, unknown.

In our trouble, words come from him; burning fire within our hearts tells to us the scripture's
meaning. Jesus speaks to us, unknown.

Opened eyes, renewed convictions, journey back to scenes of pain; telling all that Christ is
risen. Jesus is through us made known.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (UMC Hymn No. 521)

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost
breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my
head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Hope of the World (UMC Hymn No. 178)

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict
rent. Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are
spent.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and
guilt, we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives, and use them as thou
wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and
pain, we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.