



## Community Connections

### Connecting All People To God's Love and Purpose

First United Methodist Church of Warsaw is a community of faith with a hunger to know and to share Jesus through traditional and modern expressions of worship, creating a home for our community to grow and heal, and going out to love and serve. We reside in a historical downtown church located in the heart of the county seat of Kosciusko County. Our Church supports specifically chosen quarterly mission focuses each year, and we have our church home missions; The Community Closet, The Community Kitchen and CarePortal.

We also support many community organizations and missions that use our facility to share their mission with others.



#### **Community Kitchen & Closet**

First United Methodist Church has a long history of serving community meals out of the Fellowship Hall at our church. For many years, meals were served on the last two business days of each month. In early 2009, we discerned a change in the needs of the community and began serving every Wednesday. We have a number of other churches and community groups who partner with us to make these meals possible.

We are always looking for groups or individuals to partner with to help provide Wednesday lunches to those in the community who need them. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office at [communitykitchen@warsawfumc.org](mailto:communitykitchen@warsawfumc.org).

The Community Closet was opened in the fall of 2009. Items that are not covered by food stamps (toiletries and cleaning products) are offered as they are available. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in supporting this ministry with your time or donations. Cash donations may be made at the Church office.

- Community Kitchen Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (closed 1st Wednesday)
- Community Closet Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (closed 1st Wednesday)



# CarePortal

**CarePortal** is a Church and Community empowerment online platform: it exists to mobilize Christian churches and the Community to care for vulnerable children and families in their own communities, together, stimulating life-changing relational connections in the process. The example and teachings of Jesus fuel everything we do. At the same time, CarePortal brings together diverse constituents – government agencies, businesses, schools, and other faith-based ministries – to accomplish a shared mission of caring for vulnerable children and families. There is a place at the table for everyone. Our Church and Community focus is on the Child.

You can help change a local family's life by donating to the Warsaw First United Methodist Church's Care Portal. Your donation provides essential items and support to vulnerable children and families right here in our community. By contributing, you help meet urgent needs, offering hope and stability to those who need it most. Join us in making a tangible difference - every donation, no matter the size, helps build a stronger, more compassionate Warsaw. You can donate here: [https://system.careportal.org/church/98987?q\[status\]\[0\]=Open](https://system.careportal.org/church/98987?q[status][0]=Open)

Any donations made must be made through the CarePortal link above, and funds are not directly handled by the church and will not be reflected on your yearly giving statement. If you would like to be part of the Warsaw FUMC Care Portal team or have any questions regarding CarePortal, please contact Eric Shafer, [eric.shafer@piercetonwoods.org](mailto:eric.shafer@piercetonwoods.org).

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**The following organizations are those that use our facility for support, recovery, education, growth, mission and community. We support these organizations with prayer, with support from our FUMC family, and by providing a place for them to meet.**



**Ryan's Case for Smiles** is one of the few volunteer organizations solely dedicated to helping kids feel better to heal better. Local volunteers, including many from Warsaw FUMC, create whimsical pillowcases for children who are hospitalized or living in a shelter. Nationwide, volunteers deliver more than 175,000 bright, cheerful pillowcases each year to children and their families in over 360 hospitals throughout 100 chapters. Locally, over 60 volunteers from 3 sites; Warsaw FUMC, South Bend, & Grace Village, meet monthly for workshops and deliver 630+ pillowcases every month. All of the funds are donated or from grants. With over 7,000 pillowcases delivered annually with an average cost each of \$12, there is a substantial financial need to continue to reduce children's stress and anxiety and to put a smile on their faces. Facilities supported include:

St. Joseph Hospital  
Lutheran Kosciusko Hospital  
The Beaman Home  
A Rosie Place Hospital – SB  
St Margaret's House  
Elkhart Hospital  
Bremen Hospital  
Cardinal Nursing Home & Rehab

Memorial Hospital and Health System  
Parkview Kosciusko Hospital  
Parkview Whitley Hospital  
Fellowship Missions  
Granger Beacon Hospital  
Goshen Hospital  
Holy Cross Nursing Home & Rehab

If you would like more information on Ryan's Case for Smiles, please contact Shannon Jenks at [SmilesSouthBend@gmail.com](mailto:SmilesSouthBend@gmail.com).



**LITE – Living in Transition Effectively** LITE is a Regional Recovery Hub through DMHA (Division of Mental Health and Addiction). These hubs were created to connect Hoosiers with mental health and substance use disorders to treatment and recovery support through Certified Peer Recovery Coaches. Our Regional Recovery Hub is able to assist individuals with substance use disorder, regardless of where someone is in their recovery journey. This allows us to expand our outreach to our surrounding counties. We currently cover Kosciusko, Fulton, Marshall, Elkhart, St. Joseph, Miami, Wabash, Huntington, and Cass counties. Our Peer Recovery Coaches can refer individuals in these counties to detox, treatment, transitional housing, recovery residences, food pantries, etc. We provide personalized support for recovery, offering resources and guidance tailored to individual needs. Our Certified Peer Recovery Coaches bring empathy and hope, ensuring continuous support beyond referrals for lasting recovery.

LITE currently sets up an informational table at the Community Kitchen and Closet at Warsaw FUMC the third Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.



### **St. Anthony's Kosciusko County Free Clinic, Inc.**

#### *Objective of the Clinic*

- To provide primary healthcare and health education to all eligible Kosciusko County Residents
- To provide primary health care services to all eligible residents of the service area regardless of race, creed, color, sex or any other characteristic as protected by Indiana Law
- To actively promote programs of service and community education that seek to prevent chronic illness of any kind

#### *Services of the Clinic*

- Basic primary health care
- Treatment and management of chronic and acute health conditions
- Provide referrals to specialists as needed
- Education regarding chronic/New health challenges
- Referrals as needed for additional testing

Warsaw FUMC hosts St. Anthony's Free Clinic on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for walk-ins. Appointments are available for other days.



**100 Lakes Clubhouse** Our clubhouse is a safe and welcoming space where individuals with mental health issues living Kosciusko County can find hope, acceptance, and opportunity as socially connected, valued members of our community. We have created a positive, supportive, and caring environment that encourages social interaction with other members and the surrounding community. We participate in outings and work together to increase well-being. We would love to have you stop by and see what we are doing!

Meeting times are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Lunch served on Mondays and Fridays



**Growing Minds** is a premier educational services provider for those students not able to attend our public schools. Through remediation and intervention, they know that they can make a difference in our community. They believe that with guidance in a safe, caring learning environment all students can and will succeed. They tutor students in all academic areas, to keep them up to their current class level, and to obtain a GED when necessary.

Warsaw FUMC currently hosts a classroom year-round with 2-5 students and 2 instructors, M-F from 9 a.m. -4 p.m.



**Kairos Prison Ministry** The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Warsaw FUMC hosts Kairos Team Training sessions several times during the year.



**Indiana Fine Arts Academy** The Indiana Fine Arts Academy recognizes the power each person, child or adult, possesses to positively affect change in their community. Private lessons are offered year-round to keep students growing their talents, consistently yielding fantastic results. Utilizing the arts as a catalyst, IFAA instructors and students bring the beauty of the fine arts to their surrounding neighborhoods.

Warsaw FUMC will host the second location of IFAA beginning in the fall of 2025. They plan to initially provide music lessons on various instruments, such as piano, trumpet, etc. For more information on the Academy, lessons, instructing, etc., please contact Ty Galbraith at [tylerdgalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:tylerdgalbraith@gmail.com).



We're all about encouraging boys and girls to make friends, be helpful to others, and do their very best no matter the outcome. With the help of powerful learning projects and exciting outdoor activities, we aim to teach children that doing their best can be a fun and rewarding experience—no matter the difficulty of the challenge. We welcome boys and girls in our pack. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in downtown Warsaw. Please join us! Questions, please contact Constance Penninger, Phone: (574) 376-5645, or email WarsawPack3731@gmail.com.

#### **Boy Scouts ~ Troop 0730**

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience where boys and girls can have their share of adventure in the great outdoors. Develop a love of service by volunteering in your community, boost your leadership skills through fun and exciting challenges, and create memories of a lifetime with no prior Scouting experience required! Troop 730B for boys meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in downtown Warsaw. Questions, please contact Joel Bowers, Phone: (708) 351-9930, or email [bowersjb17@gmail.com](mailto:bowersjb17@gmail.com).

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**



Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; they are self-supporting through their own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Warsaw FUMC hosts support group meetings on the following days:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3(O)
- Tuesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3 – (C)
- Wednesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3 – (C)
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3 – (O)
- Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall – (OS)
- Sunday 7:30 p.m. LL-3 (O)

O=OPEN GROUP, open to any interested person

C=CLOSED GROUP, attendees must have a desire to stop drinking

OS=OPEN SPEAKER, member tells their story

#### **Narcotics Anonymous**



Narcotics Anonymous®

What is our message? The message is that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom.

Warsaw FUMC hosts meetings on the following days:

- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - Legends Survive NA Group  
This is a discussion of the NA book Living Clean -The Journey Continues. Study of NA Literature
- Friday 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. - Circle of Hope Group  
This meeting is focused on discussion of the Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Friday by appointment  
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