

March 2020 North Webster United Methodist Newsletter

Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 20th 5-7pm

In the Family Center



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The NWUMC Vision Statement: To Know,
Love, and Serve God.

Byron's Blurp

40 days means that God is up to something. There are eight of such great periods on the surface of the Bible:

- Forty days Moses was in the mount, Exodus 24:18; and to receive the Law, Exodus 24:18.
- Forty days Moses was in the mount after the sin of the Golden Calf, Deuteronomy 9:18,25.
- Forty days of the spies, issuing in the penal sentence of the 40 years, Numbers 13:26, 14:34.
- Forty days of Elijah in Horeb, 1 Kings 19:8.
- Forty days of Jonah and Nineveh, Jonah 3:4.
- Forty days Ezekiel lay on his right side to symbolize the 40 years of Judah's transgression.
- Forty days Jesus was tempted of the Devil, Matthew 4:2.
- Forty days Jesus was seen of His disciples, speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, Acts 1:2.

The 40 days of Lent marks the beginning of the church's journey toward Easter. The significance of this time in the church's life is stated clearly and well in the "Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline" in the Ash Wednesday liturgy (United Methodist Book of Worship, 322).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

the early Christians observed with great devotion
the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,
and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration
there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins
and had separated themselves from the community of faith
were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness,
and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded
of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ
and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to observe a holy Lent:

by self-examination and repentance;
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;
and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Come Holy One, let me be guided by you, these 40 days. Let me see to what wonderful my eyes shall open, to what virtue my heart shall be strengthened and to what purpose you shall accomplish in me.

Keep Looking Up, Byron

Weekly Meetings:

Tuesdays

6:00-8:00pm Boy Scouts
6:30-7:30pm Sharing re: Gen Conf

Wednesdays

5:45-7:00pm Praise Team Practice
6:00-6:45pm Dinner Church
6:45-7:45 Study
7:00-8:30 Choir Practice

Thursdays

7:00-8:00am Men's Breakfast

Sundays

5:00-7:00 Women's Bible Study
5:00-7:00 the Youth (Not 3/22)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, March 1 - Breakfast 8-11am in Family Center
Monday, March 2 – Safety Team 7-8pm in Room 11
Monday, March 9 – Missions Team 6-7pm in Room 11
Tuesday, March 10 – Naomi Circle 6:30-8pm in Parlor
Friday, March 20 – Youth Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm in Fam Cntr
Friday, March 20 – Youth Lock-In 7pm-Sat, 3/21 8am
Monday, March 23 – Leadership Council 6:30-7:30pm in Room 11
Friday, March 27 – Free Community Meal 5-7pm in the Family Center

Sunday Night Youth

Sunday Night Youth-Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement July 19-25, 2020

Are you going into 7th Grade or just graduated from 12th, you are eligible to attend a volunteer in mission work team to Frakes, Ky. You need to pay a \$250 deposit before April 1st. After that date, our group is "fixed." This covers room and meals on-site. We will have traveling costs there and back and the cost of materials for our work project. All to be determined. We will be assisting with the cost through Sunday Night Youth.

Thank you very much for your kind donation to my daughter, Heather's memorial fund May God be with each and every one of you. Kathy Wilber, mother & Maxine Fuller, grandmother and family

Greetings from Camp, For the campers and staff of Epworth Forest, Camp Adventure and Camp Lakewood, I would like to say thank you for all the time and effort you have provided for these camps in 2019. I cannot tell you how much I personally appreciate working with and learning from all the volunteers who lend a helping hand. It really is about the friends, the fellowship and building His Kingdom.....well and a free lunch. Thank you so very much.

The 2020 camp season is just around the corner and the camps need your help on a number of projects.

First, please save the date and come join us on May 2nd at noon for a volunteer appreciation lunch and a short program at Epworth Forest Conference Center. The program will focus on our current and future volunteer projects. There are some great opportunities for local mission work. More information about this event will be sent to you soon.

The weekend of May 2nd is also our annual camp clean up weekend. We need individuals and groups to volunteer early so we can arrange work groups. There is work for people of all ages on both Saturday and Sunday. Overnight accommodations and lunches are available for groups working both days. Please contact me if you or your church group can help.

Our camps need volunteers to maintain and upgrade facilities. This work makes camp more comfortable for campers.

- Volunteers have been remodeling and cutting wood all winter at Lakewood.
- A couple weeks ago five volunteers spent the day installing mixing valves on 12 water heaters. That project helped us come into compliance with Indiana State Board of Health (ISBH) requirements.
- This weekend volunteers will install hard wired smoke alarms in some cabins to meet ISBH requirements.
- Next week the axe throwing area will be improved through the time and effort of volunteers.

Here are some examples of future projects that are waiting for volunteers and/or funding to get them started.

Camp Adventure: 1. Metal roofs installed on seven cabins, 2. Exterior and interior painting of some cabins, -3. Remodel/upgrade bathrooms. Camp would like to complete these by June 1.

Epworth Forest: 1. Make adjustable pier posts (welding and pipe cutting), 2. Change electrical service to Heritage Lodges, 3. Organize plumbing and electrical supply areas, 3. Remodel Sandy Kay for volunteers

Camp Lakewood: 1. Renovate Weade Lodge, 2. Build new beach shed

There are always electrical, plumbing and construction projects at camp along with painting, cleaning, tree trimming, grounds keeping and more.

Would you please consider volunteering once again to help complete an important project at one of our camps? Groups and individual volunteers help save valuable financial resources that are better used to provide a **"life changing experience."** for campers.

I hope to hear from you soon. Building His Kingdom, Steve Jungbauer Epworth Forest Conference Center 574-453-4490

The Great Cycle of Lent and Easter

Read the Gospel of John through Lent.

The Gospel of John contains signs. It is the book of signs. Through the 40 Days of Lent we shall explore the great signs of in the Gospel of John of Jesus ascent to Mount Zion. We will explore the great stories of Jesus being recognized by John the Baptist through his climb to the top of Mt Zion on the back of a colt.

Lent 1 March 1, 9&11:11 AM, "Signs and Wonders: The Testimony", John 1:19-34

March 1, 8 – 11 AM, First Sunday of the Month Breakfast

Lent 2 March 8, 9&11:11 AM, "Signs and Wonders: Night Visitor", John 3:1-17

Lent 3 March 15, 9&11:11 AM, "Signs and Wonders: The Fortune Teller", John 4:5-42

Lent 4 March 22, 9&11:11 AM, "Signs and Wonders: Seeing through Blind Eyes", John 9:1-41

Lent 5 March 29, 9&11:11 AM, "Signs and Wonders: The Great Un-Wrapping", John 11:1-45

Lent 6 April 5, 9&11:11AM, Passion/Palm Sunday, "Signs and Wonders: Daughters of Zion", John 12:12-19

April 5, 6:00 PM, Leonardo da Vinci and the Last Supper

Maundy Thursday April 9, 7:00 PM, Holy Thursday Service, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday April 10, 7:00 PM, Good Friday Service, John 18:1-19:42

Prayer Vigil April 11, 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunrise Service April 12, 7:30 AM

Easter Breakfast April 12, 8:00 AM

Easter Worship Services April 12, 9&11:11 AM, John 19:38-42

Thank You

We truly do not have words to adequately express our gratitude to the congregation for the love and support we received during the passing of Byron's father Bill Kaiser, and in the difficult days that followed. Your cards, prayers, and other thoughtful expressions were appreciated more than you know. A special thanks to Pastors Bob and Leila, and Kim Zink for stepping up and filling in with such willing hearts, to our wonderful church staff and Mike and Judy Wilson who provided food during the time our house was filled with kids from out of town, to Jo Schaaf and Ronda Hartup who took care of our fur-child Bishop when we needed to be away and also provided food, and to all those who made the trip to Warren to be with us the day of the visitation and funeral. We are blessed beyond words to be your pastors. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Pastors Byron and Candy

Where Do You Want To Be?

I was having a conversation with someone about his motivation for giving generously to so many different ministries he loved. An older man, he was mostly confined to his cane and an occasional walker. Aging with dignity he smiled and shrugged about his current condition as if to say, "it is what it is." Then he said eight wonderful words:

"My money is me where I cannot be."

Wow! What a powerful statement. "My money is me where I cannot be."

Although I am still healthy, I can appreciate that someday I will not be able to be present in all the places I would like. I once wondered about living and teaching abroad for several months. I would like to help more children in my town who are being bounced around by the system. I would love to encourage persons who are heading to seminary to learn about pastoring. Once I read about a school in Israel that has kids from four faiths in it—one of the best schools in the country—and I think it would be nice to go and be part of that, even if it means working in the cafeteria.

The truth is I can't be everywhere I want. The greater truth is that I don't have to be. My money is me where I cannot be. Perhaps I can't be present, but they can feel my presence. Each time I am generous I am supporting education, helping kids, encouraging seminarians, and helping a school in Israel bring kids together in the ways of peace.

Where do you want to be? Perhaps this is God's way of directing your stewardship until such time as you can get there—or maybe never do.

To My Brothers in Christ, (Ture Christian Family)

Words aren't enough to cover your generosity, love and goodness.. Thank you..for much more..seing you living your Faith..Bringing back mine..It's amazing how kindness can truly heal so many things.. I have been Blessed in so many ways...Knowing you and seeing in action what most people just "Talk" about..you have been good examples..I feel God calling me to carry on from your example of true Christian Faith. God Bless You, Peggy Lauer

St. Anthony Health Clinic Update

Many of you have been asking about the status of our free clinic. It continues to be a bit of a frustrating journey as just when we think we are almost "there" we receive notice of yet another government regulation/requirement that we have to meet, resulting in more delays. We had truly hoped and expected to be up and running by now! Please pray for the Board of Directors as we work through this process, and pray that God will provide the people, information, resources, etc. that we need. We have had to cancel two "startup dates" already, so will not be setting another one until we know everything is in place. We know our community desperately needs this clinic to minister to the many who do not have access to adequate health care, so please "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



State of the Church: Protocol, Perspective, and Priorities

A Conversation with Bishop Trimble

Please plan to join Bishop Trimble in any of 5 locations near you for a discussion on the State of the Church. He will share details about the Protocol, offer perspective, and clarify priorities of the church in Indiana, but he also wants to hear from you. Come ready to share in this dialogue about the state of The United Methodist Church.

Fishers United Methodist Church: Saturday, March 21 at 10:00am (ET)

Washington Christ United Methodist Church: Sunday, March 22 at 3:00pm (ET)

Huntington Evangelical United Methodist Church: Saturday, April 4 at 10:00am (ET)

Seymour First United Methodist Church: Sunday, April 19 at 3:00pm (ET)

Lafayette Christ United Methodist Church: Sunday, April 26 at 3:00pm (ET)

Penny Lamb	3/1	Kay Caskey	3/12
Kara DeRolf	3/1	Shirley Gardner	3/13
Mike Shock	3/1	Mitzi Reber	3/14
Lex Locklin	3/1	Bill Christine	3/17
Marc Mesaros	3/2	Mary Stackhouse	3/18
Phil Mock	3/3	Pat Hoffert	3/18
Daphne Yoh	3/3	Sarah Mock	3/19
Becky Plummer	3/4	David Weiler	3/20
Candy Kaiser	3/5	Marvin McCleese	3/24
Anita DeFrees	3/6	Shirley Strock	3/28
Bill Purtlebaugh	3/6	Lea Wysong	3/29
Jill Henry-Piper	3/6	Steve Dobler	3/29
Kim Laureys	3/6	Conner Gregory	3/29
Makenna Taylor	3/9	Bill Lantz	3/30
Kim Zink	3/11	Norma Roose	3/31