



Season of Lent

Sundays of Lent 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

- February 28 "We are called to listen"
- March 7 "We are shown the way"
- March 14 "God loves us first"
- March 21 "We are reformed"

Palm Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

- March 28 "We draw on courage"

Maunder Thursday 7:00 PM

- April 1 "We are held together"

Holy Friday 7:00 PM

- April 2 "We find ourselves here"

Easter Sunday 11:00 AM (One Service)

- April 4 "The sun rises"

"First Up"

New Worship Experience! 9:00 AM on Sunday's during the Season of Lent

As we prepare for the season of Lent, I am reminded that we all experience God speaking to us in different ways. Another value I firmly believe in is that we are surrounded by abundance.

These two ideas have come together as folks have come forward with a desire to share their gifts. Because we want to encourage everyone to find a place to use their talents, we have worked together to offer a worship experience that we will try out for the six Sundays during Lent (Feb. 21-March 28). These will be streamed live on our YouTube channel. You will see faces you know and hopefully some new faces too. Your pastors will give a homily and the theme of "Again and Again" will also guide this season. This worship service will be contemporary, fresh, and short! It might be just right for someone who rises early and wants to get on with the day. We will commit to doing this throughout Lent and pay attention to our community responses. Check it out starting February 21st.

Choir Rehearsal Cancellations & Changes

MorningStar: rehearsing 2:30pm Sunday February 28 and March 7 in the back parking lot
 Chancel Choir: rehearsing 3:45pm Sunday February 28 and March 7 in the back parking lot

- No MorningStar Zoom on Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 29
- No Chancel Choir Zoom on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 31
- No HymnSing Zoom on Tuesday March 9 and March 30

Governance Board & Church Conference Meeting

The next Governance Board meeting will take place virtually by Zoom on Monday, March 15 starting at 7:00pm. Agenda items are due to Bill Walker (swalker03@gmail.com) by March 1. The agenda and the Zoom link for the meeting will be announced by March 8.

This meeting includes a Church Conference meeting where we will vote on the 2021 Operating Plan, approval of the 2021 Governance Board Officers, & approval of the Governance Board Operating Principles. Operating Plan, a budget totaling \$644,300 was shared during the Governance Board meeting on Feb. 15. Governance Board Officers, Reid Hochstetler is nominated to be the vice-chairperson & Mike Johnson is nominated to be the secretary.

Governance Board Operating Principles, a copy is available for review <http://www.fumcwl.org/news-updates> & comments can be sent to Kris Bross (bross.kristina@gmail.com) & Bill Walker (swalker03@gmail.com) by February 26.

Missions

LUM has Scheduled a Service Day

Here are the details:

*Saturday, February 27 *1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*LUM Ray Ewry Center, 525 N 4th Street, Lafayette

Volunteers will be helping with the following tasks:

Youth Center

- Assembling new "cubbies" & shelves & mounting them to the wall
- Setting up new chairs & tables; and moving old furniture out
- Deep cleaning, disinfecting dining room, kitchen & classrooms

Shelter

- Disinfecting mattresses
- Deep cleaning dining room & kitchen

Lunch & beverages will be provided. Strict COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Please let me know if you have any questions. Email or call if interested & available (enews@lumserve.org | 765-423-2691). Thanks.

Pablo Malavenda, Exec. Prog Director, Communications, Social Media, IT/Webmaster, Dir. Jubilee Christmas Lafayette Urban Ministry, 420 N. 4th Street, Lafayette, Indiana 47901

www.lumserve.org 765.423.2691 pmalavenda@lumserve.org

Food Finders Food Truck - Because of FUMC's generous donations, we can now have 2 Food Trucks! The missions team is still inviting others to donate so that perhaps we may provide more Food Trucks this year to those who may be struggling with food insecurity, bringing meat, produce, & other staples to our neighbors in need. The first truck is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27 at Klondike Elementary School, beginning at 10:00 am. We will need 8-10 volunteers. And because of COVID, it will be a drive by where all goods will be placed in car trunks. We need help from you to carry this plan out...

- To sponsor one food truck for the Klondike school area costs \$1500. So financial donations are the largest need (consider donating stimulus money if your family does not help the support). Make checks out to "FUMC" with "Food Truck" on the memo line. Or pay online at <http://www.fumcwl.org/giving>
- 8-10 volunteers are needed to help pass out food. Contact the church office (lkroesch@fumcwl.org or 765-743-1285) or Denny, (frankdenise41@gmail.com) to express an interest & be contacted once a date and time are confirmed.

Operation Vaccination - With the encouragement of Reid and Khala Hochstetler, First UMC began an outreach project to connect with our 70+ age members to see if anyone needed assistance navigating the registration process for the COVID-19 vaccination. Thanks to our volunteer team members (Jana Day, Suzie Kline, Deb Downey, Angie and Tim Delworth, and Ann Caddy), we have been able to help several members of our congregation register for the vaccine. If you need assistance or know anyone who needs assistance registering for the vaccine or need a ride to your vaccine appointment, please call Ann Caddy at 765-412-2521.

FUMC Tech Angels & Rookies Program. A program to match Tech Angels to Tech Rookies to help those with tech needs get connected to our church family. Tech Angels are people (of all ages) who are knowledgeable about computers & can work one-on-one with a FUMC member who is having trouble connecting to Zoom or watching the FUMC streaming services on YouTube. You might need advice on what technology needs to be purchased or you might have other tech questions. To maintain social distancing, Tech Angels will be working with you via phone calls. If you'd like to get connected to a Tech Angel, email Ann at ann@knitting.email or call 765-583-3061.

Food Finders Give online: <https://www.food-finders.org/give/>. Or make checks payable to **Food Finders Food Bank**, 1204 Greenbush St., Laf, IN 47904.

Lafayette Transitional Housing Give online: <https://lthc.net/donate-lthc/>

Family Promise Give online: <https://www.fpgives.org/organizations/family-promise-of-greater-lafayette-inc>

Klondike Coder Closet - Please donate boys sweat pants (small, medium & large) and girls jeggings (small, medium & large).

Equal Exchange! COFFEE & CHOCOLATE orders from Equal Exchange can be made upon request. Contact Mary Welch tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com. Remember, you are helping small farmers in developing countries support their families!

Adult Education

Pause for Parents: "MOMMY!" "Hey, DAD!" Yes, you! Are you a parent that feels like you're running on empty? Do you love your kids but sometimes just want to scream? I get it. For some time, it's been on my heart that FUMC needs a parents group but it always seems like just one more thing that needs to be done. But, now's the time. We are still living in unprecedented times and we need each other now more than ever. And, we need God. I'm inviting any parents out there to join me on zoom for a time of devotion and connection, a "pause for parents." Sunday evening at 8pm when (hopefully) kiddos are tucked in, I'd like to gather virtually to take a few minutes to regroup, recenter, and recharge before heading into another week. Someday, a book study might be nice, but for now, no prep work needed, just come and share this crazy parenting journey with me. -Vanessa Martin (essavill@yahoo.com 765-479-6094)

Pause for Parents - Sundays @ 8:00pm,
<https://zoom.us/j/4725927350?pwd=R0lYSE1Rb01ZVU5SWGdQU0RHtmZMz09>
 Meeting ID: 472 592 7350
 Passcode: 4j9Bhp

Vital Conversations resumes with 8 Week Book Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm using the book, "A House Divided: Engaging the Issues through the Politics of Compassion." The book is written by Rev. Mark Feldmeir, senior pastor of St. Andrew UMC in Highland Ranch, Colorado.

A House Divided asserts that we can find a better way of relating to each other & responding to today's controversial issues in ways that transcends political partisanship & emphasize universal care, mutual concern, & the flourishing of the common good.

Weekly topics will be as follows:
 February 24 Immigration
 March 3 Health Care
 March 10 Medical Aid in Dying
 March 17 Islamic Extremism
 March 24 Homosexuality
 March 31 Social Isolation and Suicide

Each chapter is accompanied by scripture companions & discussion questions that will aid in the group conversation. Drop ins are welcome! Please feel free to join the conversation even if you have not read the book or chapter. Discussion is our goal. Books can be purchased through Cokesbury or Amazon.

Join the ZOOM meeting:
 Meeting ID: 822 3297 3420 Passcode: 101763

"Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully" 9:30am Sunday Class, contact Kris, bross.kristina@gmail.com. You are invited! If you are looking for a new way to connect with others in FUMC . . . If you are interested in thinking critically about how we live faithfully . . . You are welcome to join us. Led by Kris Bross.

Children's Ministries

Kid's Connect

Join Pastor Lauren at 4:00 pm on Sundays for Kid's Connect on Zoom. We will have a short bible lesson related to a craft project and then Pastor Lauren will lead the children in a craft activity. Craft materials for the month can be picked up at the church, or call the office and we will deliver it to you on request.

These projects are appropriate for 3-10 year olds.

Zoom Invitation: Topic: **Kid's Connect Zoom Meeting; Time: Sunday - 4:00 pm**
 Zoom Meeting
 Meeting ID: 856 3875 2407 Passcode: 184353

Worship Express

Worship Express is now available online! A weekly Express service will be uploaded to the website and can be found under the Ministry tab. If you would like your child to experience church and are struggling to keep them interested in the full service, try Worship Express Online. It includes the scripture for the day, one or two high energy worship songs, a message designed for children and a prayer.

Contact Rev. Lauren Hall by phone: 765-743-1285 or email: lhall@fumcwl.org

Youth Ministry

Because positive COVID tests continue to increase in our community, we have had to limit our in-person activities, but we are looking forward to worshipping with you in-person when the world is safer.

Meanwhile, we will continue to meet for Sunday School by Zoom every week and alternate between in person and Zoom Youth Group on Sunday afternoons.

Youth Group activities are low key, relaxed and fun (even if they are virtual). Please check in with us on Sundays. We miss you!

10:00 am Youth Sunday School at

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/95746224103?pwd=TVFoMkZ0NkIjGc0tpdnJlVWtjbWY2QT09>

1:00 pm Youth Group

Weeks 1 & 3 - Zoom
<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/95746224103?pwd=TVFoMkZ0NkIjGc0tpdnJlVWtjbWY2QT09>
 ID: 948 1993 7125 PW: Jesus

Weeks 2, 4 & 5 - In-person
 (meet in back parking lot by Activity Center)

Please make sure we have your cell phone number. Zoom links sent directly to you shortly before we begin.

God is with us! Let's make sure we are with God as well.
 Blessings, Pastor Lauren

Prayers

We pray for those who are grieving
 Family and friends on the recent death of Ann Carty

Concerns shared this week
 Friends & families effected by the Corona Virus
 Karen Arthur (Rebecca Kaverman's mother)
 Martha Fletcher
 Marian Jones
 Helen Loughner (Al Loughner's mother)
 Michael McCaffry
 Joe Mihalco
 John Rauch (Deb Downey's father)
 Julie and Alby Saunders and Tino (friends of Holly Drown)
 Sara Simpson (Nancy Clark's sister)
 Stephanie Sims (Randy Sims daughter)
 Hilary Starzynski
 David & Betty Steele (Kathy Lind's family)
 All those in need of prayer

Rehab & Extended Care
 Janet Ainsworth, Westminister
 Betty Suddarth, Westminister
 Peggy Casson, Five Star Residence
 Charles McKee, Cumberland Pt
 Harry Meyers, Creasy Springs

Military
 CDR James Beaty
 Sman Kevin Clute
 LTC Kevin Field
 HM2 Kim Fountain
 Airman Isaiah Hale
 MSG Anthony Mauro
 Sman Ben Ridings
 LCDR Alex Turco
 TSgt Gerald Welker

Weekly Events

SUNDAYS
 9:00am "First Up" Contemporary Sunday Service Live Stream during the Season of Lent. It can be seen at fumcwl.org. Past Sundays: fumcwl.org.
 9:30am "Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully" Sunday Class, contact Kris, bross.kristina@gmail.com.
 10:00am Conversation & Fellowship Hour by Zoom. Hosted by Tim Delworth timdelworth@gmail.com. At <https://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 828 838 841 Password: 906997
 11:00am Live Stream Service can be seen at fumcwl.org. Past Sundays: fumcwl.org. Get the Sunday Bulletin on our website at <http://www.fumcwl.org/>. Print it out so you can read along & have the song sheets for the listed songs.
 12:00pm Listen Up! (immediately following worship) post worship conversation, by Zoom, Meeting ID: 854 6893 3398; Passcode: 395261
 1:00pm DKUMC Worship, CLC
 1:00pm Youth Group, by Zoom or in person.
 4:00pm Kids Connect by Zoom with Pastor Lauren. Contact Lauren, lhall@fumcwl.org
 Worship Express is now available online! A weekly Express service will be uploaded to the website and can be found under the Ministry tab.
 8:00PM Pause for Parents by Zoom, Meeting ID: 472 592 7350 Passcode: 4j9Bhp

MONDAYS
 5:00pm Morning Star Choir, by Zoom, contact ewilson@fumcwl.org. Rehearsal will be at 2:30pm on Sundays Feb. 28 & March 7 in the back parking lot. No Zoom on March 1, 8, 15 or 29.

TUESDAYS
 7:30pm Hymn Sing with Conversation. Join Ellen as we sing our favorite hymns, share hymn stories, inspirational thoughts, & chat. Zoom meeting ID, Password & copies of the hymns are emailed by Tuesdays to those on weekly E-vent. Contact ewilson@fumcwl.org. No Hymn sing on Tuesday, March 9 & 30.

WEDNESDAYS
 9:30am Women in the Word Online, contact jexibug@gmail.com
 6:30pm Vital Conversations by Zoom, Meeting ID: 823 1825 9026 Passcode: 878170
 7:00pm Hands@Work, contact Ann, ann@knitting.email
 7:30pm Chancel Choir, by Zoom, contact ewilson@fumcwl.org. Rehearsing at 3:45pm on Sundays Feb. 28 & March 7. No Zoom on March 3, 10 or 31.

FRIDAYS
 5:00pm DKUMC College Students, AC, 205, 209, 211

SATURDAYS
 1:00pm DKUMC Praise Team Practice, CLC

Meeting Occasionally "Devotions Fellowship & Connection" Class, contact Karen, karenelizbethhull@gmail.com

Threshold Counseling

Dorothea Gool, M.S., LMFT Indiana Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, room 123 (Parlor). A graduate of Purdue & Butler Universities, she counsels individuals, couples, & families as well as pre-marital sessions. Hours of counseling are Mon-Thu from 3:00-8:00pm. Contact Dorothea, 317-979-5768. Threshold Counseling is a professional mental health practice at FUMC since the fall of 2012.

Welcome Statement

We, the people of First United Methodist Church West Lafayette, welcome everyone, through all life's stages, with arms that are open, respectful, & loving. And by everyone, we mean regardless of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, race, ability, bank balance, or background. As a Reconciling Congregation, we welcome you into our church family, for it is by joining hands that we support one another & share our faith journey together. Whoever you are, & wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Mission, Vision, & Core Values

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Our Vision: 1) Adopt & Embrace the Families of the Klondike School District in partnership with Klondike Elementary School & Teachers; 2) Embrace the Purdue Community in partnership with Wesley Foundation; 3) Ensure our First United Methodist Church Community is connected & growing in their walk with Christ.
Our Core Values: We are a loving & joyful church committed to celebrating God's love in all that we do. *Welcome, Acceptance, & Support; *Christ-centered Worship; *Spiritual Growth Towards Discipleship; *Active Christian Service.

FUMC Information

Welcome Table in the narthex (lobby): There are brochures describing various ministries of the church. Our website: <http://www.fumcwl.org/>. Facebook Pages: First United Methodist Church West Lafayette & First Church WIREd. Give us a call...765-743-1285. If you have questions, please call us! We will do our best to find an answer.

Wesley Foundation

Thanks, First friends! Did you know that 1% of your tithes & offerings to First UMC supports Wesley ministries? That's about \$475/month toward our expenses of \$18,000/month. Plus, many of you donate individually. Thanks & God bless!