

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January 13, 2019



### EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

**Adult Sunday Class - What's the Big Idea? 127 (library)** We'll be talking about Einstein! Check out "What Einstein Meant by 'God Does Not Play Dice'" at <https://aeon.co/ideas/what-einstein-meant-by-god-does-not-play-dice>. In this essay, Jim Blagot, popular science writer, traces the history of one of Einstein's most familiar quotes - enshrined on countless college dorm posters. Doors open at 9:30 for coffee, & copies of the reading. Discussion at 9:45. Drop-ins & regulars both equally welcome!

**Celebrate the New Year Sunday!** Chase away the winter blues. Come & enjoy fellowship & have a nice meal together. Mark your calendar & plan to participate in an all church pot luck at noon in the Activity Center Baked ham, dinnerware & beverages are provided. **Please bring a side dish or dessert.** There's plenty of room at the table - bring your family & friends; come celebrate the New Year of our LORD & meet all in the church family!

**Second Sunday Sisters** - scheduled for Jan. 13 has been cancelled due to a conflict with the carry-in lunch. Any future dates will be announced. Questions? Call Claire, 765-491-6244.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

**Mary Martha Circle Will Meet** at 1:00pm in the church Library. We will welcome members & guests with coffee/tea & desserts, followed by devotions from Louise Leatherman. A program on UMW mission offerings will be presented by Sheila Koller. We look forward to seeing you all!

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

**Human Relations Day Offering**-Your generous gifts strengthen community outreach & empower at-risk youth. The Human Relations Day offering makes a difference for God's children everywhere. Together, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

**Adult Sunday Class - What's the Big Idea? 127 (library)** Something completely different: "The Elephant as a Person," [https://aeon.co/essays/if-elephants-arent-persons-yet-could-they-be-one-day?utm\\_source=Aeon+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=339f129d2e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_10\\_22\\_04\\_00&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_411a82e59d-339f129d2e-69380989](https://aeon.co/essays/if-elephants-arent-persons-yet-could-they-be-one-day?utm_source=Aeon+Newsletter&utm_campaign=339f129d2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_22_04_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_411a82e59d-339f129d2e-69380989). Philosopher Don Ross outlines his behavioral economics research, meant to test the proposition that elephants "have all the raw mental material it takes to be persons." Doors open at 9:30 for coffee. Copies of the reading will be available. Discussion at 9:45. Drop-ins & regulars both equally welcome!

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

**In Observance of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday**- Church office closed.

**Governance Board Meeting**- 7pm in the AC (WIRED Service)

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

**Clergy & Staff Open House** from 3:30-5:00pm in the church office with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to stop in for fellowship with the Clergy & Staff, now that the Christmas holiday rush has quieted down.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

**First United Methodist Church Scrapbooking Event** - from 8:00am to midnight, at FUMC. Join us for a full day of scrapbooking. We will have vendors selling their products & giving demonstrations during the day. Pre-registration & payment are requested ASAP to get the location of your choice. Advanced Registration fee of \$30 will include breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks & drinks. Join us for a relaxing day of cropping, shopping, eating & talking with others that share the crafting bug. Your junior crafter can have a table & attend with you for just \$15. Questions? Call Jackie, 765-413-8272. Send registrations/check to: Jackie Field, 5328 State Road 26 W, W. Laf., IN 47906

### MISSIONS

**Ushers Needed at the 11:00am Traditional Service.** If interested, contact Nancy, 765-463-9449/clarknaf@hotmail.com.

**Coder's Closet Needs**-In January, please consider purchasing a package of socks for either boys or girls in sizes medium or large. Just place in the KLONDIKE HOPE CHEST, in the narthex (lobby).

**Feed the Kids List:** Hot chocolate (individual pkgs), oatmeal (individual pkgs.), peanut butter, beef stew, tuna, Pop Tarts, #1 Velveeta Cheese, apples. **Feed the Kids, Backpack Ministry: A FUMC Tradition** - The cost per child/week is approximately \$6. The annual cost per child is \$216. Currently, we are filling 57 backpacks each week.

**Klondike Kids Club Continues to Grow.** Need persons able to commit to 90 minutes once a week. Listen to children read, help prepare for spelling tests, & practice math skills. Contact Denny, [frankdenise41@gmail.com](mailto:frankdenise41@gmail.com)

**Sign Up Genius is Open for Lunch Bunch** until the end of 2018/19 school year at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa4ab2aa31-Sunday>. Sign up to help bring, cook & serve the Lunch Bunch. Also, Lunch Bunch is open to anyone who would like to stay to eat Sundays at 12:15pm.

**Card Ministry Update**-Keep sending cards! Consider making a goodwill donation to this cause. Just drop a little moolah in an envelope marked Card Ministry in the office/offering plate. Carol Smith will keep making them, but could use financial support.

**Remember, Buy Equal Exchange (EE) Coffee.** Order forms on mission cart in Narthex (lobby). Mary, 765-497-2006/[tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com](mailto:tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com)

### H.I.S. (His In Song)

...and three became two. Dear friends, His In Song is in transition. Jane Creswell has prayerfully made the difficult decision to step aside from H.I.S. to allow for another woman to experience this ministry. Ellen & I will continue this ministry as a duo, while we seek to reprise a trio. We appreciate your prayers & support for us all as we move forward. In gladness & gratitude, Gail Polles, [gspolles@icloud.com](mailto:gspolles@icloud.com).

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Traditional Services: 38/123; WIRED Service: 12/68

Adult Sun School-41 (Earnest Learners-2, Book Study Class-5, Devotions-17, What's the Big Idea-17, Engaging/Revising-Didn't meet)

### WESLEY FOUNDATION

**First-Wesley Partnership "Steering Committee."** Join other members from First to brainstorm ideas & connect the rest of First UMC with Wesley students & programs. Contact Susie Loughner, Jonathon Day, or one of the Robynes with ideas or just join in. We meet on Fridays at 11:00am at Lavazza, & occasionally at Wesley.

**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 about \$18,000/month. Plus, many of you donate individually. Thanks and God bless!

### VILLAGE NURSERY SCHOOL

For VNS Openings for 2019, see [www.vnswl.com](http://www.vnswl.com) for more info

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K=Kitchen; N=Narthex (lobby); L=Library; B=Basement; MR=Music Room; MZ=Mezzanine (above lobby); AC=Activity Center (Contemp. Service); CLC=Christian Life Center (Sanctuary-Traditional Service)

#### Sunday, January 13, 2019

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15 AM WIRED Band Rehearsal, AC  
8:30 AM Worship, CLC  
9:30 AM Fellowship Time, N  
9:45 AM WIRED Contemporary Worship, AC  
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 AM Worship, CLC & WIRED Contemporary Worship, AC  
11:15-12:30 PM Korean Disciples Church, 209  
12:00 PM All Church Potluck, AC  
12:00 PM College Lunch, AC  
12:15 PM Small Group, 211  
12:30-2:15 PM Korean Disciples Church, CLC  
2:15-4:30 PM Korean Disciples Church, AC/115/117/N  
3:00-4:00 PM Korean Disciples Music Rehearsal, MR  
4:00 PM Youth Bells, CLC  
4:30 PM Sunshine Kids, MR  
4:30 PM Wesley Foundation Worship, 435 W. State St.  
5:15 PM Celebration Chimes, CLC

#### Monday, January 14, 2019

12:15 PM VNS Staff Meeting, 209  
3:45 PM Morning Star Rehearsal, MR  
4:30 PM A Pace of Grace, L  
7:00 PM GIGGLES - Gals in God, Growing, Loving, & Sharing, Café Literato

#### Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
9:30 AM Staff Small Group, L  
10 AM-1 PM KDC Woman's Bible Study, 210 & 211 & K  
8:00 PM Wesley Foundation Worship, 435 W. State St.

#### Wednesday, January 16, 2019

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
11:30 AM Preschool Bible Time, CLC  
4:30 PM Teen MOPS, 207  
5:30 PM Youth & Teen MOPS meal, AC  
6-8:00 PM Youth Group, 203 & 208  
6:00 PM Aldersgate Handbell Rehearsal, CLC  
7:00 PM Hands@Work, L  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

#### Thursday, January 17, 2019

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
12:00 PM Third Thursday Thinkers, Westminster Pub

#### Friday, January 18, 2019

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
5:30 PM KDC College Group, 203, 208, 209, 211 & 212

#### Saturday, January 19, 2019

7-8:00 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
12:00 PM Private Party, AC & K

#### Sunday, January 20, 2019

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15 AM WIRED Band Rehearsal, AC  
8:30 AM Worship, CLC  
9:30 AM Fellowship Time, N  
9:45 AM WIRED Contemporary Worship, AC  
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages  
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#### Monday, January 21, 2019

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed!**  
7:00 PM Governance Board Meeting, AC  
7:00 PM GIGGLES - Gals in God, Growing, Loving, & Sharing, Café Literato

### PRAYER CONCERNS

If you go into the hospital, please let the church office know, so that Pastoral care can be given. Or make sure the church of West Lafayette.

Methodist Church of West Lafayette.

**We pray for those who are grieving:**

Family and friends on the recent death of Tyler Trent

#### Hospice Care:

Alice Arthur, Westminster Theresa Zimnawoda

#### Rehab & Extended Care:

Peggy & Rossed Commons Vicki Johnson, The Springs  
Charles McKee, Cumberland Pointe Rev. Bob Moffat, Creasy Springs  
Harry Meyers, Creasy Springs

#### Concerns shared this week:

Democratic Republic of Congo Elections  
Karen (Dale & Judi Forsyth's neighbor)  
Shirley Buffer (Dale and Judi Forsyth's friend)  
Stanley Coleman (Joanna Cook's friend)  
Dick Dobmyer (Jane VanScoyoc's brother)  
Bob Jones  
Donnabelle Kruszewski  
Carol Leslie (Joan Leslie's daughter-in-law)  
Joan Martoglio (Pam Smith's mother)  
Maria Psarros (Bethany Kaverman's friend)  
Justin Smith (Ray & Linda Fredrick's grandson)  
John and Pat Staver  
Steve Ulrich (Dorothea Goold's friend)  
Kolton VanScoyoc (Jane & George VanScoyoc' grandson)  
All those in need of prayer and are not listed

#### Military:

Lt. Cdr. James Beaty MSgt. Anthony Mauro TSgt Gerald Welker  
Airman Isaiah Hale Lt. Alex Turco Lt. Kevin Field  
Seaman Kimberly Fountain

#### Joys Shared this week:

- Sunday School classes starting up -Purdue is back in session  
-VNS is back gracing us with their presence in the hallways

### WELCOMING 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.

### NEW YEAR, NEW WAY FORWARD FOR OUR WELCOMING CHURCH

As we consider resolutions for ourselves in this new year, the Sunday School class on social justice suggests that we prayerfully consider what we will resolve to do to become a more inclusive church, embracing all minorities.

In August, our church voted by a wide margin (84%) to adopt a welcoming statement & be listed with Reconciling Ministries Network as an LGBTQ+ welcoming congregation. What are our next steps? Meanwhile, the United Methodist Church is also wrestling with its future regarding LGBTQ+ inclusion. At a special session of the UMC's general conference on Feb. 23-26, representatives from around the world will vote on proposals that will decide the way forward for our denomination. Please pray for all conference delegates & let our Indiana delegates know your thoughts. You can email them at: [2019gcdelegation@inumc.org](mailto:2019gcdelegation@inumc.org).

Bishop Trimble has called us to pray daily leading up to & through the Special General Session from 2:23pm-2:26pm each afternoon - prayer for the conference & its outcome, that we can hear & abide by God's intention for us & discern our denomination's future going forward.

### CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### 9:45-10:45am Sunday Children & Youth Classes

Preschool-115; Kindergarten-2nd-216; 3rd/4th-212; 5th/6th-210; Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Room 203 (then, Jr. High to room 208)

#### During 11:00am Worship Services

Worship Express: Ages 2-4th grades in room 214/216

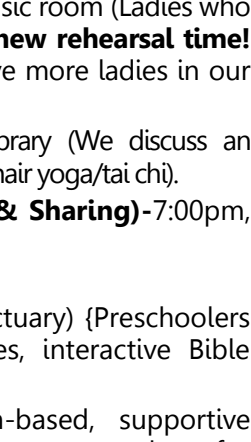
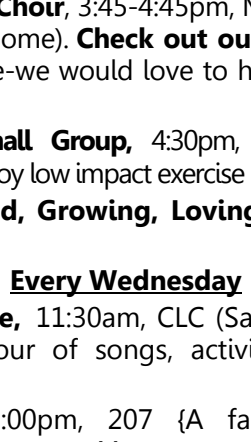
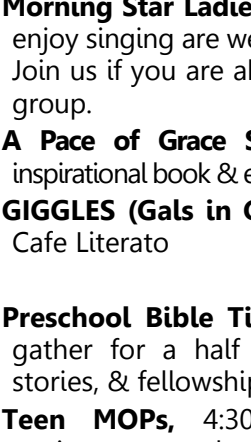
### ADULT SUNDAY SCOOOL CLASSES (Class selections available at the Welcome table in the narthex [lobby])

#### from 9:30-10:30pm

"What's the Big Idea?" - room 127 (library)

#### from 9:45-10:45am

Devotions, Fellowship, & Connection Class - in room 209  
Earnest Learners Book Class - room 123 (parlor)  
Book Study, - in room 207  
Engaging/Revising Methodist Social Principles- in room 211



### 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.

### Small Groups

#### Every Monday

**Morning Star Ladies Choir,** 3:45-4:45pm, Music room (Ladies who enjoy singing are welcome). **Check out our new rehearsal time!** Join us if you are able-we would love to have more ladies in our group.

**A Pace of Grace Small Group,** 4:30pm, Library (We discuss an inspirational book & enjoy low impact exercise (chair yoga/tai chi).

**GIGGLES (Gals in God, Growing, Loving & Sharing)**-7:00pm, Cafe Literato

#### Every Wednesday

**Preschool Bible Time,** 11:30am, CLC (Sanctuary) (Preschoolers gather for a half hour of songs, activities, interactive Bible stories, & fellowship)

**Teen MOPs,** 4:30-7:00pm, 207 (A faith-based, supportive environment where teen Moms can come together for mentoring & encouragement.)

**Jr/Sr High Youth,** 6:00-8:00pm, 203 (7th-12th grade youth gather for food, devotions, service, optional homework club & always, fun shenanigans.)

**Children's Bible Time,** 6:10pm, 116 (Children gather together for a half hour of songs, activities, interactive Bible stories, & fellowship)

**Aldersgate Handbell Choir,** 6:00-7:00pm, CLC (Sanctuary) (An intermediate to advanced ensemble who ring the Lord's praises.)

**Hands@Work,** 7:00pm, Church Library (Members of Hands@Work UMW Circle meet to work on needlework or other handwork while chatting, laughing, & supporting each other.)

**Chancel Choir,** 7:15-8:45pm, Music Room (A group of diverse singers enjoy sharing the common bond of music.)