



### **SUNDAY, MARCH 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**Invitation: Adult Sunday School for Lent** in the Library (127) at 9:45am. All are welcome to a special Sunday School class for any or all Sundays in Lent. Each week, we'll be discussing aspects of Lenten observations, practices, disciplines. Watch for topic message each week. **March 17:** "Giving up/ Taking on." Folks often "give something up" for Lent, often food: chocolate, meat, caffeine. Join the class as we discuss the implications for ourselves & for the environment of giving up certain foods.

**Recital with Lisa Johnson Mott, pianist & Tech Sgt Gerald L. Welker**, horn soloist, here at First United Methodist Church at 3:00pm.

### **MONDAY, MARCH 18**

**Governance Board Meeting at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.**

**VNS Enrollment** from 8:30am-1:00pm: for FUMC church members, VNS staff, & VNS Board members

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

**Ever True: 150 Years of Giant Leaps at Purdue University** - 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Fowler Hall, Stewart Center. Commemorate the 150th anniversary of Purdue's founding with nationally renowned, award-winning speechwriter, public speaker, & author John Norberg as he shares stories from his soon-to-be published book (comes out in May) about Boiler-maker doers & dreamers who populate our distinguished history. It is free but preregistration is requested at the following link: <http://attend.com/Norberg2019>.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 First Day of Spring!**

**VNS Enrollment** from 8:30am-3:00pm for current VNS & PIT families  
**Mary Martha Circle** will meet in the church library at 12:00pm. We will honor the 100th birthday of our own Kazuko Sato. We will start with a carry-in luncheon at noon. Kazuko has decided to return to live in Japan in April so we invite anyone who would like to come to see her at this time. RSVP to Diane at 765-838-1794 or Letty at 765-463-9638. Devotions by Louise Leatherman & a program by Diane will follow.

**Anna Howard Shaw Circle** will meet in Room 211 at 11:45am. Visitors are welcome! We begin with friendly conversation & then a discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama & Bishop Desmond Tutu. For questions, contact Marcia, 765-463-2906 or [meg29a@yahoo.com](mailto:meg29a@yahoo.com).

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

**Free French Horn & Piano Recital** at the Delphi Opera House at 7:00pm with TSgt Gerald Welker & our own Lisa Johnson Mott.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

**VNS Enrollment** from 8:30am-1:00pm for the general public

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

**Celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Kazuko Sato** at FUMC in the Activity Center at 3:00pm. All are invited to attend! Please do! We will have refreshments & there will be fun & interesting stories about Kazuko. **RSVP number attending by calling the church, 765-743-1285.**

**The Members of St. John's are Grateful** for you as a major donor to the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry over the years. In order to celebrate the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry's nearly 30 years of ministry & to honor you & all our volunteers, staff & donors we invite you to **St. John's (600 Ferry St., Laf., IN) at 7:00pm**. Join us for reflections on the pantry's ministry. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. If you have anything you'd like to share about your time with this ministry, please send statements to Katy Travis at [foodpantry@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:foodpantry@stjohns-laf.org). We will be compiling memories to share. May God continue to bless our community, & may God continue to give us the will to love & serve our neighbors. **Katy Travis**, Administrative Director, St. John's/LUM Food Pantry

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

**Invitation: Adult Sunday School for Lent** in the Library (127) at 9:45am. All are welcome to a special Sunday School class for any or all Sundays in Lent. Each week, we'll be discussing aspects of Lenten observations, practices, disciplines. Watch for topic message each week. **March 24:** "Prayer." One of the disciplines we often take on during Lent is to be more conscious of prayer during the season. Come to discuss how we pray & to learn about new approaches to prayer.

**Purdue Musical Organization's Heart & Soul** will be singing at the 11:00am traditional service. A mixed-voice ensemble of 30 singers, specializing in gospel & contemporary Christian music, sprinkled with an occasional soul or R&B tune. There will be a Love Gift collected.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)**-We will be taking up a collection for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

**First Church Stands Together for LGBTQ+ Inclusion - All Church Gathering at 9:45am in the CLC (sanctuary).** After a Feb. 26 decision of the global United Methodist Church (UMC) to increase its condemnation of gay clergy & same-sex weddings, the FUMC community gathered together on Mar. 3 to process & grieve. It remains unclear how this decision, which may be deemed unconstitutional by the United Methodist Judicial Council, will ultimately affect the UMC. Meanwhile, we at First Church continue to stand together, along with a large swath of the UMC & its leadership (including our beloved Adam Hamilton), in support of the LGBTQ+ community. LGBTQ+ Methodists, traumatized by this development, require our outreach of God's love & validation now more than ever before. As together we firmly stand for love & inclusion, we also acknowledge our own pain, confusion, anger, & frustration about this decision. While our gathering on Mar. 3 was largely informational, the entire FUMC family is invited again on Mar. 31 as we draw together for sharing & dialogue, to process our thoughts & reactions as we continue our faithful walk of love. To join a mailing list for more information & updates, please email Debbie at [debivan@gmail.com](mailto:debivan@gmail.com).

## 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, March 17, 2019 Second Sunday in Lent / Happy St. Patrick's Day**

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 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/Nurs.  
**3:00 PM Horn/Piano Recital, CLC**  
 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, March 18, 2019**

3:45 PM Morning Star Rehearsal, MR  
 4:30 PM A Pace of Grace, L  
**7:00 PM Governance Board Meeting, AC**  
 7:00 PM GIGGLES - Gals in God, Growing, Loving, & Sharing, Café Literato  
**Tuesday, March 19, 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  
 3:30 PM NO His In Song Rehearsal, MR  
 8:00 PM Wesley Foundation Worship, 435 W. State St.  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**  
 6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
 11:30 AM Preschool Bible Time, CLC  
 11:45 AM Anna Howard Shaw Circle, 211  
 1:00 PM Mary Martha Circle, L  
 4:30 PM Teen MOPS, 207  
 5:00 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, March 21, 2019**

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC

### **Friday, March 22, 2019**

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
 4-6:00 PM Klondike Kids to Imagination Station  
 5:30 PM KDC College Group, 203, 208, 209, 211 & 212

### **Saturday, March 23, 2019**

7-8:00 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC  
 3:00 PM 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Kazuko Sato, AC  
**Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent/Heart & Soul 11am Traditional**  
 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 Africa Mission Lunch & 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/Nurs.  
 4:30 PM Sunshine Kids, MR  
 4:30 PM Wesley Foundation Worship, 435 W. State St.  
 NO Youth Bells, NO Celebration Chimes

## 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 hospital knows that you are from First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette.

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

Kathy Whaley and family on the recent death of her mother

### **Hospice Care:**

Alice Arthur, Westminster Theresa Zimnawoda

### **Rehab & Extended Care:**

Peggy Casson, Rosewalk Commons Connie Hensley, Westminster  
 Vicki Johnson, The Springs Bob Jones, Westminster  
 Marian Jones, Westminster Charles McKee, Cumberland Pointe  
 Rev. Bob Moffat, Creasy Springs Harry Meyers, Creasy Springs

### **Concerns shared this week:**

Donna Barth (Pam Ridding's sister)  
 Karen (Dale & Judi Forsyth's neighbor)  
 Shanley Buffer (Joanna Cook's friend)  
 Jennifer Dillon (Rhonda Todd's friend)  
 Dick Dobmyer (Jane VanScoyoc's brother)  
 Mike Drinan (Kathy Sims' friend)  
 Gus Gustafson  
 Chris Hurt  
 Joe Kostka, Doug & Jean Morehouse's brother-in-law  
 Donnabelle Kruszewski  
 Carol Leslie (Joan Leslie's daughter-in-law)  
 Colleen Moeller (Tom & Nancy Clark's niece)  
 John David Schermerhorn (Shari Bittle's friend)  
 Justin Smith (Ray & Linda Fredrick's grandson)  
 John and Pat Stover  
 Steve Ulrich (Dorothea Goold's friend)  
 Kolton VanScoyoc (Jane & George VanScoyoc's grandson)  
 Suzy Wright (Joan Leslie's daughter)  
 Dick Yeager

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. Col. Kevin Field  
 Seaman Kimberley Fountain

### **Jobs Shared this week:**

-Safe return of students from Spring Break -First visit from spring birds  
 -VNS Open House was well attended -National Pie Day last Thursday  
 -Mike Drinan is doing well after receiving a kidney

## MISSIONS

**Tippecanoe County United Food Pantry Operated by Church Women** **Inventory Needed:** Canned: tomatoes, green beans, corn, peas, fruit, pork & beans, soup, pkg. Ramen soup, boxes of macaroni & cheese, boxes of crackers, tuna, peanut butter, boxed/canned meals like ravioli or chili or stew, etc. & pasta & spaghetti. Place food in labeled baskets in the narthex (lobby).

**Church Women United are collecting items.** It's the season for our Church Women United's collection of needed items for the local YWCA's Women's Shelter. Find the list of items needed in a box in the narthex. Thank you for helping with this acute need.

**Interested in "Adopting" a shut-in member of our church?** All are invited to sign up at the Welcome table. Pruning this spring. For questions, Sheila - 765-743-1458 or [rkoller@purdue.edu](mailto:rkoller@purdue.edu).

**Klondike's Coder's Closet Needs**-We are collecting sweat shirts & lightweight jackets for boys & girls in sizes M, L, & XL. Place them in the Klondike Hope Chest in the narthex area. Thank you.

**Feed the Kids List:** Pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, canned fruit, chicken and noodles, Nutra-Grain bars.

**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.** Orders from mission cart in narthex. Mary, 765-497-2006 or [tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com](mailto:tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com)

**Help Wanted! The Wed night Meal for Teen MOPS** needs a kitchen helper in Feb. Tasks are easy to learn & fun to do. Hours are Wednesdays, 4pm until the dishwasher is done (about 6:30pm). No experience needed. Contact Susie, [slogu@yahoo.com](mailto:slogu@yahoo.com) call/text 734-272-2784.

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

## **MRS. KAZUKO SATO IS TURNING 100!**

**Saturday, March 23**-There will be a celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Kazuko Sato at FUMC in the Activity Center at 3:00pm. All are invited to attend! We will have refreshments & fun & interesting stories about Kazuko. **RSVP the number attending by calling the church, 765-743-1285.**

## VILLAGE NURSERY SCHOOL

**Village Nursery School Enrollment for 2019/20 School Year:**

**Monday, March 18,** 8:30am-1:00pm: for FUMC church members, VNS staff, & VNS Board members  
**Wednesday, March 20,** 8:30am-3:00pm for current VNS & PIT families  
**Friday, March 22,** 8:30am-1:00pm for the general public  
 All enrollments must be completed in person, please! For info., contact Beth McCool, [bmccool@fumcwl.org](mailto:bmccool@fumcwl.org). [www.vnswl.com](http://www.vnswl.com).

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Traditional Services: 30/109; WIREd Service: 15/43. Sunday School-27: Earnest Learners-2, Book Study-5, Devotions-7, Big Idea-3, Engaging-10

## THRESHOLD COUNSELING

**Dorothea Goold, 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 Monday-Thursday from 3pm to 8pm. Contact Dorothea Goold at 317-979-5768. **Threshold Counseling** is a professional mental health practice that has been at FUMC since the fall of 2012.

## 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 SCHOOL CLASSES

(Class descriptions available at the Welcome table)  
**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

## CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF FIRST UMC AT PURDUE!

**Sunday, April 7**-the first celebration of our 150th Anniversary with our Bishop Julius Trimble preaching & lunch! Before & after that day, we need lots of help! If you have a talent or stories that would help us celebrate this long history, please contact Pastor Lana, 765-586-0124 (texting is fine), Facebook message, or [pastorlana@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlana@gmail.com).

**Sunday, April 28** is the next 150th Anniversary, with an outdoor "picnic" potluck. Start thinking about how to dress up in clothes from our founders' lives in 1869...think Purdue pioneers.



### **Things to Pun-der**

Cows have hooves because they lactose.  
 A book hit my head and I only my shelf to blame.  
 I don't let anyone call you average. That's just mean.  
 A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You won't go anywhere unless you change it.  
 On March 20th, Spring will be here. I'm so excited, I wet my plants.  
 In search of fresh vegetable pens. Lettuce know.  
 Never trust a train. They have loco motives.  
 Bought a new boomerang. How do I throw out the old one?  
 I visited a Doritos farm. What a cool ranch.  
 The Pillsbury Doughboy is my roll model.  
 I saw a baguette at the zoo. It was bread in captivity.  
 You can't plant flowers if you haven't botany.  
 I used to have a fear of hurdles. But I got over it.  
 I'm terrified of escalators and I'm taking steps to avoid them.

## 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.

## SMALL GROUP

### **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.}

## 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 & God bless!

## 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.

## TIME & TALENTS

All members & non-members are asked to consider completing a 5-7 minute Time & Talents Survey online. To get the survey, go to our website, [www.fumcwl.org](http://www.fumcwl.org), go to the "Sign Up" tab