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Westville United Methodist Church

**Communion
June 1 2025**

**“Reach up, Reach in, Reach out
Reach up to God, Reach in to know
God, Reach out in Love”**

Sunday Morning Schedule:

Sunday School 9:15 am –

Worship in the Sanctuary 10:15am

Drive In Service Radio Station 91.3



Community Meal

Free Community Meal June 18th

5-6:30pm, Savory/Sweet Dips

A message from Pastor at 6:30pm

Coming in July

VBS—Outback Rock

July 26th

SUMMER CONVERSATIONS

June 25th at 6pm & June 28th 10am

MORE INFO INSIDE

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!!!

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From the Pastor – June 2025

A Season of Growth and Grace*By Pastor Toby*

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we step into the month of June, we find ourselves in a season of warmth, renewal, and growth. The days are longer, the flowers are in full bloom, and the world around us reflects the beauty of God's creation. This is a time when we are reminded of the abundant grace that surrounds us and the ways in which God continues to work in our lives.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches us about growth through the parable of the mustard seed. He says, *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches"* (Matthew 13:31-32). This powerful image reminds us that even the smallest acts of faith, kindness, and love can lead to great and lasting impact.

As we enjoy the summer months, I encourage you to take this time to reflect on the ways in which your faith is growing. How can we continue to nurture our spiritual lives and strengthen our connection with God? Perhaps it is through daily prayer, acts of service, or moments of gratitude for the blessings we receive.

June is also a time of community—whether through summer gatherings like Summer Conversations with Pastor Toby, outreach efforts like the community garden, or worship services, we are reminded that we are stronger together. Let us continue to lift one another up, support each other in faith, and share the love of Christ with all those we encounter.

May this month be filled with joy, peace, and the unwavering presence of God in your life. Know that I am praying for each of you and looking forward to all the ways we will continue to grow together as a church family.

Blessings and peace, Pastor Toby



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

— Galatians 6:2

Something truly beautiful is happening in our community — people are coming together across churches, organizations, schools, and generations to care for one another in real, practical ways. It's a reminder that while individuals can do wonderful things on their own, when we share in the work, the gift is multiplied.

Our community meals are a perfect example. More than just food, these meals offer comfort, connection, and dignity to anyone who comes. We've been blessed to have Tri Kappa host last month's meal, following in the footsteps of a local business, Sweet Lou's, that sponsored one last year. Now, the Lions Club has stepped forward to do the same. Each group brings unique gifts, but together they are part of something bigger — neighbors loving neighbors.

Our Community Garden is growing, too — literally and spiritually. Thanks to our dedicated local librarian, who applied for and received a generous grant through the Master Gardeners, we've been able to expand the garden's reach. Even more inspiring, students from the high school Ag class came to help plant — young people getting their hands in the dirt to grow food and hope for others. It's a beautiful picture of seeds sown in faith.

Support has continued to bloom in other areas, too. St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Catholic churches are now partnering with us through donations from St. Vincent de Paul to support our Backpack Program, which ensures children have food over the weekend. Their generosity is filling backpacks and hearts.

We're also incredibly thankful to the American Legion, who has graciously, over the last several years, allowed us the use of a portion of their building for our Food Pantry. This space has become a vital hub where families can receive much-needed groceries with kindness and care.

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God is clearly at work among us. These partnerships — between churches, civic groups, students, and individuals — show the power of unity. Each act of service, no matter how small, becomes part of a larger story of love, faith, and hope. When we come together, the impact is greater, the reach is wider, and the blessing is multiplied.

Together we are showing the love of Christ — one meal, one seed, one backpack, one act of kindness at a time. *Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!*



"There's a blessing in every moment."

Join us in local missions!**Items needed for the Food Pantry:**

- 6/1 Cleaning products: laundry soap, dish soap, mopping products
- 6/8 Pastas, noodles, macaroni, sauces, Pasta sauces
- 6/15 Canned fruits and vegetables, soup
- 6/22 Crackers, Cereal, Canned Meat, Hamburger Helper
- 6/29 Buyers Choice

TIME & LOCATION**Food Pantry Information:**

The American Legion is now working in cooperation with the WMC Food Pantry ministry. Please drop off donations of the above mentioned items at the Legion. **For those receiving donations, items may be picked up at the American Legion on Thursdays from 4:30—5:30.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

INFORMATION FOR THE WORD IS DUE BY Jun 24th IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR PUBLICATION BY June 26th AT THE LATEST. CAN BE EMAILED TO

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**Family Life Center is available for rental for parties and celebrations.
Contact the church office at 219-785-2314 for more information.**

Save your pop cans and bring them to the church. The money earned from the can collection supports the Heifer Project.



Trustee/Church Council, May 5, 2025

Present: Jane, Jan, Richard, Evert, Alan, Kathie, Pastor Toby



Trustee:

Chair choices were brought in for testing out comfort and design. Two were picked as we wait for pricing and details. The painting of the sanctuary job was awarded to Harrison Painting. The painting will be done June 30th. The organ needs to find a new home before the painting. Jane presented an idea of replacing all the thermostats in the church. Six thermostats will be replaces.

Pastor will be on vacation while the painting is done. We need to have a plan in case the sanctuary is not ready for service while we are having a guest pastor. Can Jon help with technology during this time is we need to have the service in the FLC.

Consideration for a remote blind for the window near the TV screen on the west/north corner of the sanctuary for glare purposes. Also need to talk to Bowman Electronics about an audio cable and a better option for the hearing impaired instead of a transmitter.

Outside work, Mulch needed? River Rock, maybe schedule a yard clean up day.

Church Council

Minutes were approved

Worship: Alyssa Emery and Shantrece Salyer offered to take over the Communion Supplies and preparation. We appreciate Sue Klett and pray as she takes care of her son.

Easter Serviced went very well, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Sunday Easter Festivities.

Outreach: Over the summer we will support a food give away on the first Monday of the month for June, July and August when school is not in session for the Friday Back Packs program.

Community clean up day went very well with approximately 60 kids and adult participated in clean up and painting of the dug outs at Prairie Meadow Park.

The Community Garden received a grant the was applied for by the Library and granted from Purdue University.

Resale Shop is having a sale on summer clothes. We are so blessed with giving to the resale shop.

Finance Reports: Discussion and all was good.

SPRC: Pulpit coverage will be needed on July 6th. Pastor will be on vacation from July 1st-7th. J

New Business: This committee will not meet in June.

Signup sheets from the clipboards will go to the Information board for people to continue to sign up and confirm what they signed up for.

Opportunities to Serve: Prayers, Community Meal, Garden request and tec.

There is interest in a weekly Bible Study. Who wants to attend and who could lead the group.

Pastor would like to hold Summer Conversation Meetings on June 25th at 6pm and June 28th at 10 am

Join Us for Summer Conversations with Pastor Toby!

This summer, you're invited to join **Summer Conversations with Pastor Toby**, a warm and engaging opportunity to gather, connect, and reflect on the recent Annual Conference. Pastor Toby will share key insights and highlights from the conference while answering any questions you may have.

To make these conversations even more personal, we're looking for church members to volunteer to host a gathering in their homes. Whether you'd like to open your living room or backyard, these gatherings will create a welcoming space for fellowship and meaningful discussion.

At the time of this publication, the following dates / times / and locations have been added to the June calendar.

Wednesday June 25th – 6 p.m. – Jane Bachman's home (305 E. Valparaiso St. Westville)

Saturday June 28th – 10 a.m. – FLC @ Westville UMC

If you're interested in hosting or would like more details, please reach out to Pastor Toby or Jane Bachman. Let's make this summer one of connection, learning, and faith-filled conversations!

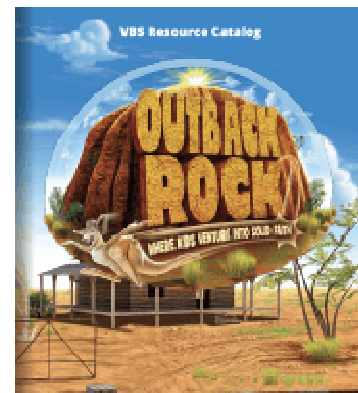


Grocery list for summer food giving:

Large Box of Cereal
 Pancake Mix
 Syrup
 Bread
 Cheese Slices
 Lunch Meat
 Hot Dogs – large packages
 String Cheese
 Box Dinners
 Canned Meat
 100 % Juice – Large containers
 Pop Tarts
 Fresh Fruit
 Canned Fruit

If you are bringing perishables items please bring them the Sunday before give away. (Which is the first Monday of June, July August. All other items may be brought at anytime

Thank you so much, The Care & Share Team

**Vacation Bible Day!****Outback Rock****July 26th****Mark your calendar. More info to come**

Care & Concern

Health and Healing

Kelly Murphy	Helen Hershman
Pete Buckmaster	Gerald Felton
Kristi –Health Journey	Sheryl Elliott
Jerry Adrian	Jayne Richards
Rita White	Bob & Sheila McCaughey
Lee Bently	Richard Lee
Nash & Family	Dustin Unger
Christina Tharpe	Hemi Ostroski
Ronald McBrayer	D J Kelly
Doug Myers	Donna Bunch
Christopher Watson	Tom Jennings
Dane Younggreen	Stacie Hallas
Noah Murphy	Kolton Bennett
Darcy Jackson	Tom Jennings
Alyssa & Titus Emery	

The New Prairie Baseball Team and families

*Those suffering with addiction, poverty, &/or depression
 *Unspoken Prayers **Families **Youth **First Responders
 **Law Enforcement

The Care Corner

Adele Lundahl

All Military Personnel
 All Victims of War

Guidance & Protection

Quinn Bacon
 Preston Wilson
 Aaron Hale



Pastor Toby Guill maybe reached @ 219-850-3768

Or email at toby.guill@inumc.org

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

*HE
cares for you*

PRAYER CHAIN

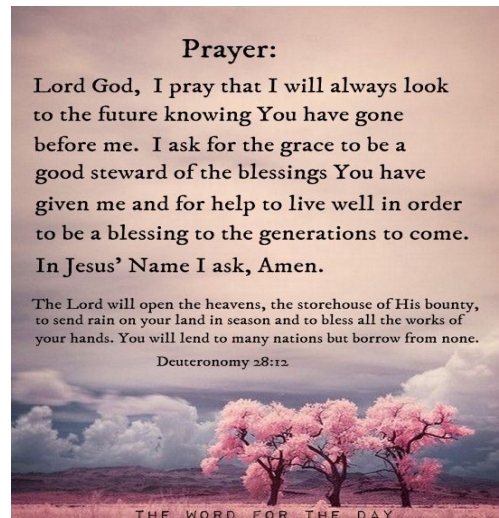
If you have a special need for prayer, the prayer chain can be activated by calling church Secretary Jane Bachman (785-2314)

Prayer:

Lord God, I pray that I will always look to the future knowing You have gone before me. I ask for the grace to be a good steward of the blessings You have given me and for help to live well in order to be a blessing to the generations to come. In Jesus' Name I ask, Amen.

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the works of your hands. You will lend to many nations but borrow from none.

Deuteronomy 28:12



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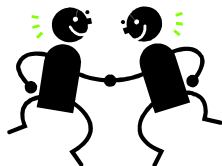
Monday 9am—noon, Tues-Thurs am

My hours vary, please call 219-898-3077

June Birthdays

June Dates of Joining

6/27/2004 Judy Cavinder
 6/17/2007 Erin Cherry
 6/17/2007 Marion Cherry
 6/1/2003 Jerry Elkins
 6/12/1983 Sheryl Elliott
 6/27/2004 Jane Pawlik
 6/27/2004 Renni Stallings
 6/27/2004 Ron Stallings
 6/27/2004 Holly Tomblin
 6/27/2004 Mike Tomblin
 6/27/2004 Brenda Vann
 6/13/1993 Evert White
 6/27/2004 Karen White
 6/26/2016 Jill Carden

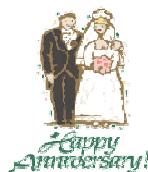


Frank Bagwell 13-Jun
 Jan Koss 18-Jun
 Jacque Pitrowski 25-Jun
 Deb Adkins 26-Jun
 Paige Nittner 28-Jun
 Amanda Kelly 29-Jun



June Wedding Anniversary's

John & Missy Culbertson 3-Jun
 Edward & Jacque Pitrowski 14-Jun



WELCOME STATEMENT

"With open hearts, open minds and open doors; we welcome people of all races, nationalities theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect".

May Giving

Date	Worship	SS	Giving
5/4/2025	57		\$2,239.55
5/11/2025	58	19	\$1,574.00
5/18/2025	60	20	\$1,550.36
5/25/2025	51	19	\$1,464.50



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Give as the Lord calls you to give:
 be as generous to God as God has been to you!

Thank you for being Faithful Givers


Your tithes and offerings maybe mailed to :

WUMC P O Box 619, Westville, In 46391



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 FLC RENTED 4-9 PM RESALE SHOP 9-NOON	4	5 Resale Shop 1-4pm	6	7 Resale Shop 9-12
8	9	10 Resale Shop 9-12	11	12 Resale Shop 1-4 pm	13	14 FLC Rented Grad Party Resale Shop 9-12
15	16 	17 Resale Shop 9am-12	18 Free Community Meal 5-7pm	19 Resale Shop 1-4pm	20	21 Resale Shop 9-12
22	23	24 Resale Shop 9-12	25 Summer Conversations 6pm—Jane Bachman's	26 Resale Shop 1-4pm	27	28 Summer Conversation 10 am Resale Shop 9-noon
29	30 Church Painting will begin	July 1 Resale Shop 9-12 pm	2	2 Resale shop 1-4 pm	4	5 Resale Shop 9-12 noon