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Westville United Methodist Church

**Communion
August 3, 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 Aug. 20th

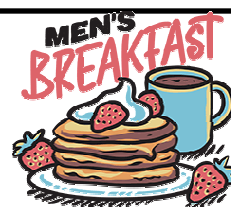
5-6:30pm, Soups

Sponsored by the Lion's Club

A message from Pastor at 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast

Aug 16th 9 am



Free Farmers Market

5-6pm every Monday



**Sharing Our
Garden**

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!!!

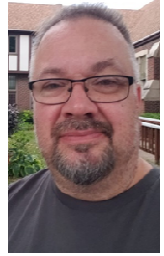
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*******CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9-noon /Tues.—Thurs. am**

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From the Pastor – August 2025

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we step into the month of August, we find ourselves in a season that often feels like a bridge—between the fullness of summer and the anticipation of fall, between rest and renewal, between what has been and what is yet to come. It's a time when many of us are preparing for new beginnings: students returning to school, families wrapping up vacations, and ministries gearing up for a new program year.

In this in-between space, I invite us to pause and reflect on the rhythm of our spiritual lives. Are we making space for God in the midst of our busyness? Are we listening for the still, small voice that calls us to deeper faith, greater compassion, and renewed purpose?

A Challenge for August

This month, I challenge each of us to intentionally reconnect—with God, with one another, and with our community. Choose one way to deepen your spiritual walk:

- Commit to a daily time of prayer or Scripture reading.
- Reach out to someone in the congregation you haven't seen in a while.
- Volunteer for a ministry or outreach opportunity.

Invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you.

Let's be a church that doesn't just gather on Sundays but lives out our faith every day, in every place.

A Prayer for the Journey Ahead

*Gracious and Loving God,
In this season of transition, we seek Your presence.
Where there is uncertainty, grant us peace.
Where there is weariness, bring us rest.
Where there is hope, help it to flourish.
Renew our hearts, O Lord, and guide our steps.
May we be vessels of Your grace,
shining Your light in our homes, our church, and our world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend,
Amen.*

May this month be filled with moments of grace, growth, and God's abiding love.

With peace and gratitude, Pastor Toby



I've been blessed in many ways: I have a loving and supportive family, I have a church family that is always there for me, I have a place to live, and I have a God who has been with me through all of the good and all of the bad. But what I'm feeling so grateful for right now is that I am now the 1st grade teacher at Westville Elementary School.

The journey to this moment has taken me through a lot of twists and turns, but I have learned so much and changed in amazing ways. Every time I felt discouraged or like maybe I made a wrong choice, God showed me that I was on the right path. Just this summer has shown me how important it is to wait for God's timing.

Every application that I filled out felt like another opportunity for hope. Every response or interview gave me more experience and helped me prepare for the next. The problem was that it was getting close to the end of summer, and I had yet to get a job. I did have a plan to substitute until I was able to get a teaching position, but it would be disappointing not to have my own classroom.

If I had been offered any of those other jobs, I would have jumped at them. I would have missed out on the opportunity to work less than 5 minutes from my home at a school that I attended from kindergarten through graduation. I wouldn't have been able to be an even bigger part of this community that I care about so much.

Five years ago, I was an out of work housewife. I quit my job as a receptionist a few months before and was hoping to find a way to work from home. My husband and I were trying to start a family and had begun fertility treatments. I was feeling hopeful for my future, even though I still didn't know how exactly I would be earning a living.

Five years later, I am now divorced with no children. I'm living at my grandparents' house until I can afford a place of my own, and I'm driving a car that I'm afraid may break down at any moment. Yet, I feel more blessed now than I ever have before. I know that I'm where I'm supposed to be. God definitely knows what he's doing, even when we don't realize it.

" 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Jeremiah 29:11

Amanda Kelly



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

8/3 Personal Hygiene: toothpaste, & brushes, soap, deodorant, sanitary napkins, tampons., shaving cream

8/10 Pastas, noodles, macaroni, sauces, Hamburger Helper

8/17 Sugar, flour, cake mixes, cooking oil, shortening

8/24 Drinks, juices, coffee, coffee filters, tea

8/31 Byers 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 Aug 26th IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR PUBLICATION BY Aug 28th AT THE LATEST. CAN BE EMAILED TO secretarywumc@csinet.net



**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.



Join Us in Making This Halloween Special!

Dear Congregation,

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to paint the world around us, we are excitedly planning our annual Halloween festivities here at the United Methodist Church. This year, we are reaching out to you, our beloved church family, with an invitation to volunteer and lead the ministry of our Halloween events in October. This one-night event has historically brought in over 100 guests from our community. What an amazing way to reach out to our neighbors.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering is a wonderful way to engage with our community, strengthen our bonds, and create memories that will last a lifetime. By stepping forward to help with our Halloween events, you will not only bring joy to our children and families but also embody the spirit of service and compassion that lies at the heart of our faith.

Trunk-or-Treat Coordination

One of the highlights of our Halloween celebration is the Trunk-or-Treat event. We need enthusiastic volunteers to coordinate and oversee this delightful tradition. Your role will involve:

- Organizing a team of volunteers to decorate their car trunks in creative and spooky themes.
- Ensuring there are enough treats for all the children attending.
- Setting up and managing a safe and fun environment for families to enjoy.

Your creativity and organizational skills will make this event a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Decorating the Church Basement for the Creepy Crawly Maze

Another exciting part of our Halloween festivities is the Creepy Crawly Maze in the church basement. We are looking for imaginative and dedicated volunteers to transform the basement into a thrilling and safe maze for our young adventurers. Responsibilities include:

- Designing and setting up the maze with spooky decorations and surprises around every corner.
- Ensuring the maze is safe for all participants.
- Guiding children through the maze and assisting them as needed.

Your efforts will bring laughter, excitement, and a few fun frights to our church's Halloween celebration.

How to Get Involved

If you feel called to lead or participate in these wonderful events, please sign up on the volunteer sheet located on the church bulletin board or contact the church office directly. Every hand helps, and together, we can create a Halloween celebration that our community will cherish.

We are incredibly grateful for your dedication and support. Let's come together to make this Halloween a spectacular event for all!

Blessings, The Westville United Methodist Church Leadership Team



VBS

Outback Rocks

God is With You!!





For the month of July we collected Diapers
& Wipes for Dunebrook

A program in LaPorte county that promotes
healthy family programs.

Huge Thank to All you Donated!!

Westville Builds

Donated food for our Friday

Back Pack Program.

They also donated \$1000. to Care and Share
to support our food purchases.

The contractors under the Westville Builds
Program decided to have a competition to
collect food and money and they chose our
Care and Share to donate their contributions

Thank so much to Westville Builds!!!



Care & Concern

Health and Healing

Kelly Murphy	Pete Buckmaster
Kristi –Health Journey	Sheryl Elliott
Jerry Adrian	Jayne Richards
Rita White	Bob & Sheila McCaughey-
Lee Bently	Richard Lee
Nash & Family	Dustin Unger
Hemi Ostroski	Christopher Watson
Diane Toomire	Lucas Bradshaw
Tina Dickinson	Bruce Rickert
Amir DuPuis	Nancy Spudic
Sylvia Spudic	JoAnne & Tom Green
Samera Mohamad	Donna Bunch
George & Bev. Sharpe	Greg McCuen
Bryan McCuen	Kurt Krause

The Family of Vertie Pulliam
 The Family of Tom Jennings
 The Family of Roberta Albers
 The Family of Helen Herschman

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

The Care Corner, Guidance & Protection
 Adele Lundahl Quinn Bacon Preston Wilson
 Aaron Hale

All Military Personnel
 All Victims of War



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

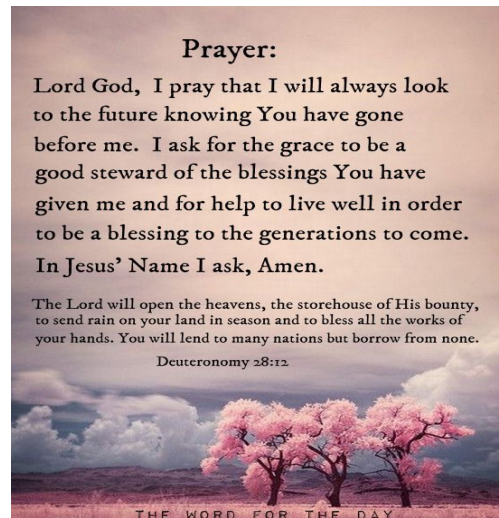
If you have a special need for prayer, the prayer chain can be activated by calling church Secretary Jane Bachman (785-2314)

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



***** **Church Office Hours** *****

Monday 9am—noon, Tues-Thurs am

My hours vary, please call 219-898-3077

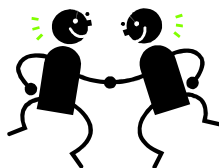
Aug Wedding Anniversary's

Gary & Cathy Murphy	4-Aug
Doug & Dawn Tharp	8-Aug
Phil & Jan Koss	10-Aug
Herb & Linda Lennartz	12-Aug
Claude & Sandy Ames	14-Aug
Stephan & Karen Jerde	18-Aug
Frank & Kathie Long	22-Aug
Warren & Mary Howard	27-Aug



Aug Birthdays

JoAnn McLane	1-Aug
Amanda Elkins	2-Aug
Randy Bennett	3-Aug
Ray Music	4-Aug
Allysia Olmos	5-Aug
Dottie Bentley	7-Aug
Evert White	9-Aug
Marie Culbertson	10-Aug
Michael Jerde	10-Aug
Wyatt Bulger	11-Aug
Charlene Glassley	12-Aug
Linda Lennartz	12-Aug
Sheila McCaughey	15-Aug
Herb Lennartz	16-Aug
Kathy Kolosci	20-Aug
Gary VanMeter	24-Aug
Jill Carden	27-Aug
Bryan McCuen	27-Aug
Emily Olmos	28-Aug



Aug Dates of Joining

8/17/2014 Claude Ames
8/17/2014 Sandy Ames

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".

July Giving

Date	Worship	SS	Giving
6/29/2025	47	12	\$2,124.00
7/6/2025	31	12	\$8,986.00
7/13/2025	47	12	\$2,833.05
7/20/2025	49	13	\$1,142.00
7/27/2025	52	15	\$1,147.25



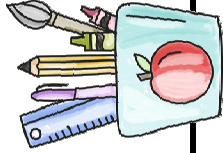
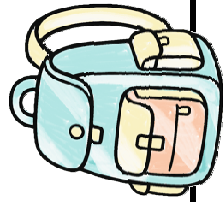
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Give as the Lord calls you to give:
be as generous to God as God has been to you!

Thank you for being Faithful Givers

Your tithes and offerings maybe mailed to :

WUMC P O Box 619, Westville, In 46391



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Free Farmers Market 5-6pm	5 TRI KAPPA 4-9 PM RESALE SHOP 9-NOON	6	7 Resale Shop 1-4pm	1	2 Resale Shop 9-12
10	11 Free Farmers Market 5-6pm Trustee/Church Council 6pm	12 Resale Shop 9-12	13 	14 Resale Shop 1-4 pm	8	9 Resale Shop 9-12
17	18 Free Farmers Market 5-6pm	19 Resale Shop 9am-12	20 <u>Free Community Meal</u> 5-7pm	21 Resale Shop 1-4pm	22	23 Kairos Ministry FLC Resale Shop 9-12
24 FLC Rented 12:30-3:30	25 Free Farmers Market 5-6pm	26 Resale Shop 9-12	27	28 Resale Shop 1-4pm	29	30 Resale Shop 9-noon
31	Sept 1 Free Farmers Market 5-6pm	2 Tri Kappa 4-9pm Resale Shop 9-12 pm	3	4 Lion's Club Resale shop 1-4 pm	5	6 Resale Shop 9-12 noon