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Westville United Methodist Church

**Communion
October 5, 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

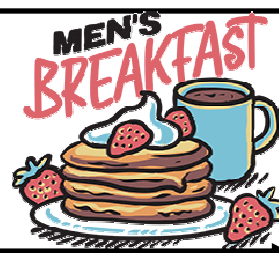
Free Community Meal Oct.15th

5-6:30pm, Chili Cook Off

A message from Pastor at 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast

Oct.11, 2025 9 am



**Trunk or Treat &
Maze of Terror**

Oct. 25th



JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!!!

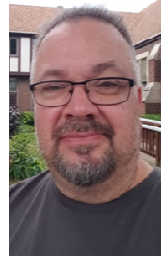
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From the Pastor – October 2025

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we step into the month of October, the air begins to cool, the leaves begin to turn, and we are reminded once again of the beauty of God's creation and the changing seasons of life. Yet even as nature settles into a rhythm of rest and reflection, our world continues to stir with unrest, uncertainty, and sorrow.

In recent weeks, we have witnessed heartbreaking events both at home and abroad. The devastating earthquakes in Afghanistan have claimed thousands of lives and left communities in mourning. In Gaza, the humanitarian crisis has deepened, drawing global concern and grief. Here in the United States, violence has erupted in places meant to be safe—schools, places of worship, and even government buildings. The recent attack on an ICE facility in Dallas and the ongoing rise in hate-fueled rhetoric remind us that fear and division are still very much present in our society.

In times like these, it is easy to feel overwhelmed, even helpless. But as followers of Christ, we are called not to despair, but to hope. Not to turn inward, but to reach outward. Not to be consumed by the noise of the world, but to be anchored in the truth of the Gospel.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

In a world filled with conflicting voices, conspiracy theories, and misinformation, we must be discerning. Many of these narratives—whether about politics, health, or global events—are designed not to inform, but to divide. They prey on fear, sow distrust, and often promote hatred under the guise of “truth.” As your pastor, I urge you: do not be led astray by these distractions. Test everything against the teachings of Christ. Ask: does this bring peace or division? Does it reflect love or fear? Does it glorify God or elevate human pride?

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:2, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Our allegiance is not to any political party, ideology, or movement—it is to the Kingdom of God. Our devotion belongs not to personalities or platforms, but to the One who gave His life for us.

Now more than ever, the world needs the Church to be a beacon of light.

Let us be people of peace in a time of conflict. Let us be people of truth in a time of confusion. Let us be people of love in a time of hate. And let us never forget that our hope is not in the systems of this world, but in the unshakable promises of our Savior.

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As we move through this season of harvest and thanksgiving, may we also sow seeds of kindness, compassion, and courage. Let us pray for those who suffer, speak up for those who are silenced, and serve those who are in need.

A Prayer for October:

Gracious and loving God,
In a world that feels heavy with sorrow and division, we turn to You.
You are our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in trouble.
Help us to see with Your eyes, to love with Your heart, and to walk in Your truth.
Guard our minds from deception and our hearts from bitterness.
Make us instruments of Your peace, bearers of Your light, and witnesses to Your grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

With hope and love in Christ,

Pastor Toby Guill



BLESSINGS FROM GOD

From Frank & Sherri

Dear Church Family,

Two years ago Sherri and I came up with the idea of a community garden. We presented this idea to Pastor Toby and the Church Council. We wanted to put the garden in the lot next to the church. The church council approved the idea.

Sherri and I would like to thank everyone for their donations of plants, seeds, money and tilling of the garden. It took team work and was greatly appreciated.

While working in the garden and free Farmers Market during the summer, Sherri and I met a lot of people in the community. Many people told us how much they appreciated what we were doing. We had the chance to tell them about the many things that the church does for the community and around the area.

We Thank God that we are able to serve him in this way and to let people know that God Loves them.

We also thank God for the sunshine and rain he provided to make this all possible. We know God will continue to bless us for the work we are doing.

P.S. Again we want to thank our Church Family for helping us with all this.

God Bless you

Frank & Sherri



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

10/5 Paper Products: toilet paper, tissue, foil & etc.

10/12 Canned meats, tuna, chicken...

10/19 Canned Fruits, & Vegetables, Soups

10/26 Condiments: Ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, dressings

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 Oct. 27th IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR PUBLICATION BY Oct. 30th 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.





The Mulch and River Rock Team!!

Thank you for spreading 6 loads of Mulch and a barrel of River Rock

WUMC NEEDS BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS

for our Pumpkin Festival Outreach Water Booth. Donations can be dropped off at the Family Life Center before Oct. 3rd.

There will also be a sign up sheet to work the booth and give out water !!

Trunk or Treat and The Maze of Terror

Oct. 25th

TRUNK OR TREAT AND MAZE OF TERROR

October 25, 2025 | 5-7pm

Westville United Methodist Church

154 W. Main St. Westville, IN 46391

We are looking for actors ages 13+ to be a
part of our maze!

Call or email: 219-229-2765 ankelly13@gmail.com



Trustee/Church Council Sept 8, 2025

Present: Kay Tetzloff, Amanda, Evert, Sherrie & Frank, Alan, Jan, Jane, Toby



Trustee

Mulch is spread and thank you the spreading team

Fascia/Soffit estimate of JB West was 9700.00. We will wait till spring to move forward. Talk to Tony about this also

The front yard needs over seeding, Jane will get estimate.

Church Council

Devotion and minutes were approved

Education: Amanda is planning back to school Sunday Sept. 14th. She is also working on the float for the Pumpkin Festival Parade and will be needing candy.

Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 25th. Amanda will be in charge of trunk or treat and upstairs food. Sherrie had volunteered to put together the maze.

Worship: Pastor Toby has put together an 8 week sermon series on "The Question Jesus asked"

We have been busy in our church doing the face lift to make our church more welcoming and we are now asking what is missing? A proposal to add a Worship leader to assist with music and more for worship.

We want to get the nursery up and running and Amanda will move forward making that happen.

Outreach: Kathie Long stated that water donations are needed for the booth at the pumpkin festival.

We are currently preparing 37 Friday snack bags

Resale: Fall & Winter is coming out

Finance: Jan passed out finance reports. They are looking very good> Jane made a motion to pay for the Mevos cameras from the General Fund. Amanda seconded the motion and the motion passed.

We have been working on getting a pay pal account and a QR code to allow those payments. Beginning in Oct. the QR code will be available for your giving opportunities. The code will be available in the bulletin and the Word and in the sanctuary.

SPRC: Pastor Toby was asking if he would be happy to remain our pastor for the next year. He happily said YES

New Business: In preparing the charge conference paperwork, we had to get into our safety deposit box at the bank. All items in the box were deeds to our properties and some pictures.

Jane made a motion to purchase a fire proof box to store out papers to keep on site. Kay seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Our October Community meal will be the famous Chili Cook off. Jane will plan Nov., December to be decided.

Jane was concerned about Sara T time sheet getting to Nick in a timely fashion.

Pastor Comments: Our Charge conference is Oct. 4th in LaPorte, Salem Chapel. Pastor needed 2 people to attend, although anyone can go.

Pastor wants to be kept up to date of church usage. Jane will work on a Google calendar.

Another way to involve the community and the school kids in the garden might be to ask for help harvesting the crops.

Someone was interested in getting a ramp built. Jane reached out to Cleone who husband helped build ramps. The information was shared. Catholic Church charities of Michigan City.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

You have a whole month to reach out and show Pastor Toby how grateful and appreciative you are of all that he does for us. Send him a card, a text, or talk to him about ways he has made a difference in our church and our personal lives. Lift him up in action and prayer. He has been such a true blessing for 7 years. Week after week he strives to bring the word of God to us in ways that teach, comfort, bring us closer to our Savior and help us to better understand what our faith should look like in our families, our community and our world. And we're not going to limit our appreciation to just October. In order for him to continue his 8-week sermon series uninterrupted, we are going to hold a special service for him on Sunday, November 9th and follow it with a carry-in potluck luncheon after church in the Family Life Center. Mark your calendar and make sure to be present for this time to shower our Pastor with love and gratitude.



Care & Concern

Health and Healing

Kelly Murphy	Kristi – Health Journey
Pete Buckmaster	Jerry Adrian
Sheryl Elliott	Lee Bently
Jayne Richards	Rita White
Bob & Sheila McCaughey	Nash & Family
Richard Lee	Donna Bunch
Hemi Ostroski	Lucas Bradshaw
Tina Dickinson	Diane Toomire
Kurt Krause	Tom & Joanne Green
Amir DePuis	David, Sylvia & Nancy Spudic
Letrisha Falls	Chris Wise
Colleen Parker	Ryder DuPuis

Those suffering with addiction, poverty, &/or depression

*Unspoken Prayers **Families **Youth **First Responders

**Law Enforcement

The Care Corner,

Adele Lundahl

Guidance & Protection

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

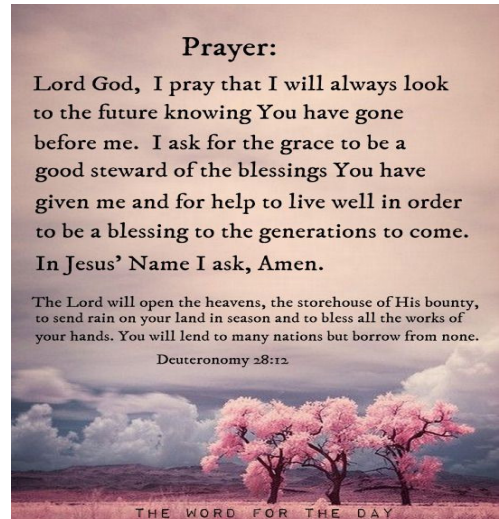
If you have a special need for prayer, the prayer chain can be activated by calling church Secretary Jane Bachman (785-2314)

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

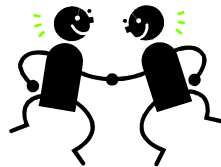
Oct. Wedding Anniversary's

Rick & Kay Tetzloff	11-Oct
Gary & Peggy VanMeter	11-Oct
Jerry & Amanda Elkins	14-Oct
Jon & Alyssa Emery	15-Oct
Toby & Kim Guill	17-Oct
Evert & Karen White	17-Oct
Richard & Mary Lambert	2-Oct



Oct. Dates of Joining

10/13/2002	Deb Adkins
10/13/2002	Doug Adkins
10/20/1996	Frank Bagwell
10/22/2006	Cleone Colvin
10/22/2006	Chloe Herrold
10/22/2006	Kelsey Herrold
10/20/1997	Jerry McCall
10/6/1991	Peggy Van Meter



Oct. Birthdays

Abigail Elkins	4-Oct
Kim Klein	5-Oct
Kim Guill	8-Oct
Samantha White	11-Oct
Allison Emery	14-Oct
Colleen Parker	14-Oct
Alan Buvelot	16-Oct
Rebecca Engstrom	18-Oct
Denim Bennett	19-Oct
Dennis Kolosci	19-Oct
Sunny McKee	21-Oct
Rob Klett	22-Oct
Cody Buchanan	26-Oct
Joey Stark	26-Oct
Paul Lawson	30-Oct
Richard Lambert	31-Oct
Madison Poloncak	31-Oct

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".



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

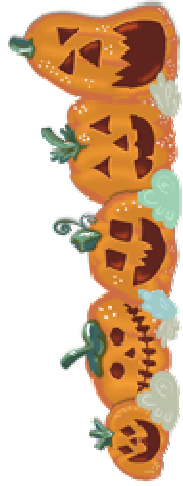
Thank you for being Faithful Givers

Your tithes and offerings maybe mailed to :

WUMC P O Box 619, Westville, In 46391



Sept Giving

Date	Worship	SS	Giving
9/7/21025	51	12	\$2,224.00
9/14/2025	54	13	\$1,484.11
9/21/2025	47	12	\$1,702.30
9/28/2025	45	15	\$2,460.00



October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5	6	7 Resale Shop 9-noon	1	2 Resale Shop 1-4pm	3	4 The Pumpkin Festival Charge Conference FLC Rental All Day Resale Shop 9-12
12	13 Trustee/Church Council 6pm	14 Resale Shop 9am-12	15 <u>Free Community Meal</u> 5-6:30pm <u>Chili cook off</u>	16 Resale Shop 1-4pm	17	18 FLC Rented Kairos Resale Shop 9-12
19	20	23 Resale Shop 9-12	22	23 Kairos FLC Resale Shop 1-4pm	24 Kairos FLC	25  Trunk or Treat Kairos FLC Resale Shop 9-noon
26 Kairos FLC	27	28 Resale Shop 9-12 pm	29	30 Resale shop 1-4 pm	31	Nov. 1 All Saints Day Resale Shop 9-12 noon