

# POPLAR LEAVES

Memorial United Methodist Church

June, 2024

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#### Sundays

Worship, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
Prayz Worship, 11:15 a.m.

#### Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

#### Livestreamed Services

MemorialSunday.org

#### Calendar

MemorialEvents.org

#### Website

umcMemorial.org

#### Giving

GiveMemorial.org

#### Prayer Requests

PrayingMemorial@gmail.com

#### Memorial Staff

**Ron Branson**, pastor  
**Michael Walker**, administrative assistant  
and financial secretary  
**Logan Williams**, music director  
**Jinhee Kim**, accompanist  
**Joe Cresgy**, media director  
**Tobie Wrightsman**, nursery attendant  
**Alfred VanGilder**, building custodian  
**Christy Cresgy and Missy Wilcox**,  
preschool co-directors  
**Paula Metheny**, Kids Hope USA  
**David M. Peter**, certified lay minister  
and lay leader



All are welcome

## Reflections

### Starfish Story

Adapted from Loren Eiseley

*Once upon a time, there was a man walking on the beach. He looked down the beach and saw a person moving like a dancer. As he got closer, he noticed it was a young man, reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"*

*The young man paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean."*

*"Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.*

*To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up, and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die." Upon hearing this, the*

*wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"*

*At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "I made a difference for that one."*

Friends, don't let the size of the problems you hear about on the news keep you from trying to make a difference. Your acts of kindness and love make a profound difference on the one you can actually touch.

Shalom, Shalom.

  
Pastor Ron





## “Discipline of Prayer”

David Peter

Lay of the Land, June 2024

At the start of this year, I started using the Methodist Book of Daily Prayer. Granted, it took me a while to discipline myself in my prayer life. I would keep a list of those requesting or needing prayer. Praying, yes. Finding my disciplined prayer needed attention. Not sure where I ran across the Methodist BOP, but it has connected or perhaps reconnected me to prayer. Not only that, but connecting me in prayer to the Holy.

Sometimes my quiet place is in a chair next to my bed. Sometimes it is the glider in the front yard. And sometimes, working in a meditative, contemplative manner. Remember Paul declares to pray without ceasing.

Reconnecting to the discipline of prayer at the start of the day, and at the end of the day keep me grounded. Prayers of petition to start my morning. Prayers of gratitude at day's end.

Pray. Cry out.

Make this your Summertime vocation

**A BIG HUMONGOUS THANK YOU** to everyone that supported the Mission's Fish Fry. With your help we are able to help our Summer Missioner, Sam Ray, with an experience that will enrich his life and the lives of those at Happiness Bag. Best Wishes for a great summer, Sam!

In June, our Second Mile focus will be Habitat For Humanity. Phil Briggs will give the congregation an update on what is happening with the charitable organization on Sunday, June 2, 2024. If you are interested in helping this worthy cause, please see the below form and return it to the Habitat Office at 1831 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN. 47807. Thank you.



1831 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807 (812) 232-9200

Yes, I want to build HOPE in my community!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Suggested Donations:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ____ \$250 Front Door       | ____ \$25 ceiling light   |
| ____ \$40 Drywall (4sheets) | ____ \$60 Bucket of Nails |
| ____ \$420 Windows          | ____ \$130 Paint (5 gal.) |
| ____ \$ Other               |                           |

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Wabash Valley Habitat for Humanity



Wow, the school year is officially over. All the teachers are saying, "This year went by so fast." Now that school is out the preschool staff will be busy preparing for the next school year so, please excuse any messes while we are trying to clean, purge and organize. We are still accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the preschool, please have them visit our website at [memorialpreschool.org](http://memorialpreschool.org) or email us at [info@memorialpreschool.org](mailto:info@memorialpreschool.org).

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Anderson's Plant and Produce fundraiser. Your support was greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye out for the Garden Table coming soon. If you have extra veggies or flowers this summer that you would like to share with other church families on our Garden Table that would be greatly appreciated. Items are Free Will Offering and all proceeds go to the preschool.

We had a good year and would like to thank you for all your prayers and support. We ask for continued prayers as we prepare for the next school year.

In ministry together,  
Christy Cresgy and Missy Wilcox



## SAVE THE DATE

The Education Team will be hosting a

### *Back to School Cookout*

August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6:00pm



## Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 18  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



*Our prayer coordinator is Pam Crane. If you have any prayer needs or wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Pam at [PrayingMemorial@gmail.com](mailto:PrayingMemorial@gmail.com)*

**Mighty Prayer Warriors,**

The disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit via a rush of wind and fire at Pentecost is one of my favorite celebrations. It's actually the birthday of the church! How can we understand such a fantastic event in our 21st century lives? Our schedules and activities have filled our minds and hearts to the brim, even spilling over the top at times. How can we experience the Holy Spirit being present in our lives when we're already too full? Perhaps we need to make a space for the Holy Spirit to be present with us. This means making a deliberate effort to unplug, figuratively and literally, our phones, entertainment activities, social events, personal preferences, etc. whatever occupies so much of our time in order to make room for this holiness.

Heavenly Father, We thank and praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We seek Your forgiveness for the times we have not made room for You and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We want to engage the Holy Spirit and be empowered through it to make a

difference in the lives of those around us. May we earnestly work to free ourselves from our busyness and prepare space for You and the Holy Spirit through prayer and quiet time. We ask all of this in the Holy Name of Jesus, Amen.



Congratulations to Tom and Joanie Kendall on the birth of their first grandchild! A baby boy was born to Matthew and Danielle this afternoon in Chicago, 8lbs., 7oz., 21 inches.



**Giving online to our church**  
*is easier than ever before!*

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Visit the website below or scan the QR code to donate securely from your phone!  
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## United Women in Faith

### **A Special Invitation to ALL Women**

United Women in Faith, UWF, is our women's organization at MUMC. We are a group to include ALL women, not just older ladies. We have several events and groups throughout the year for spiritual growth, fellowship, fun and fund-raising. These include: Call to Prayer and Reflection; Auction; Garage Sale; Chili Supper /Craft Fair; Yarn and Sewing Ministries and a Book/Reading group. Through our fundraising efforts we are able to help support many charities such as Ilula Orphan Program in Tanzania, Midwest Mission Center in Illinois, Evansville Youth Home, United Campus Ministries Food Pantry at ISU, CODA, Crisis Pregnancy Center and YWCA. This is only a partial list of our many missions. We want to continue all of our work but we need your help as workers and/or leaders.

ALL women are invited to our Ladies' Night Out Program on Saturday, June 8. Our programs always provide a breath of fresh air when we gather as sisters-in-Christ. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and meet some lovely women who would be thrilled to have you join in our calling and service as United Women in Faith.

### **Banner Help Opportunity**

We all know and appreciate how the banners in the sanctuary enhance our worship experience. Have you ever

considered how the big banners are taken down, raised and stored? You now have an opportunity to help with that! We are in need of some able-bodied servants to assist. (NO ladder climbing is involved!) The timing of the work is as flexible as you need it to be and the work requires only about 60 minutes every three months. Please contact Pam Crane by phone, 812-243-0264, text message or email at [pamcra52@gmail.com](mailto:pamcra52@gmail.com) Your help will be greatly appreciated.



The Annual Church Garage Sale was a great success again! Thank you to all who donated items. Special thanks to the Multi Media Studies class and several others for initially helping to set up the tables and racks. Also, sincere special thanks to all who worked to sort, organize, then sell those donated items.

We also appreciated the food that was donated to feed and energize the workers.

It was a challenge to pack up, clean up, and distribute all the leftover items but a legion of workers helped with accomplishing those tasks in record time! My sincere thanks to all for your help!

Glenda Hilton

A huge thank you to Glenda Hilton who chaired the yard sale.

Thank you to all the volunteers and to the people who donated items for the sale.

A special thank you to our "lunch lady" Paula Metheny.

We raised \$4600.63 that will be used to support the many organizations who help women and children.

We will not meet in June or July.

Our next meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Please join us. All are Welcome.  
Vicki Certain, President



### **Summer Needs** at 14th & Chestnut

- New swimsuits--all sizes (girls need one-piece suits)
- Gently used summer clothes--child's size 6 to adult XL
- Towels (new or gently used)
- Individually wrapped items for field trip sack lunches-- chips, cookies, puddings, fruit cups, small water bottles
- Gas cards



June- Kids Hope

July- Open Door Class

August- United Methodist Men

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED!**

UWF is collecting books for children and young readers for little free libraries to

**ENCOURAGE SUMMER READING!**



### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, June 8

8:00 a.m.

Meadows Cafe



Triple F will meet Friday, June 21, 11:45. Our speaker will be Gene Griffin who is founder of the Griffin Bike Park built in honor and memory of his son who was KIA in Afghanistan in October 2009. Our main dish will be fried chicken. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex!



Memorial  
**MUSIC**  
Series

*Lifting heart, mind, and soul*  
2024-2025 SEASON

**An Evening of Vocal Jazz**

Saturday, August 3, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Francesca LaRosa: Saying 'Yes' to God-  
A Night of Storytelling and Music**

Saturday, September 21, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Blue Flame**

Saturday, October 19, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Fourth Annual David Gibbs  
Memorial Hymn Sing**

Saturday, November 16, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Fourth Annual Christmas Concert**

Saturday, December 21, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

**Angelus Duo**

January, 2025, date TBD  
6:00 p.m.

**Tracy Richardson**

Saturday, February 1, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**Logan Williams Vocal Recital**

Saturday, March 22, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**Lyyra**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
7:00 p.m.



**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Natalie Layne**

Friday, May 9, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**United in Song and Spirit**

Saturday, May 24, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

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WOMEN'S

*Night Out*

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 8, 2024**

**6:00 p.m.**

The program will feature

**Jill Moffett and Dan Rodriguez**



A light supper and desserts will be provided by the United Methodist Men.

All women are invited.

Please register on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

No tickets are required, and admission is free.

This event is sponsored by the United Women in Faith.







***From Member Care:***

Member Care Team would like to thank everyone for making “Evening Before the Darkness, Sun of Darkness Son of Light” a big success. Thank you, pastor Tim, for developing the idea and to Pastor Ron for presenting the science behind the eclipse. A thanks to our communications team and Ted Wilson for designing the logo. Our members did an outstanding job of supplying the cookies. Last but not least to Baesler’s market for supplying the protective glasses.

We have a wonderful church family.



Charles and Jessica Mennely joined our church family. They are the parents of 4-year-old Maileigh who attends Memorial Preschool.

Charles is a detective with the Indiana State Police. He enjoys fishing and the outdoors.

Jessica recently completed her family nurse practitioner degree from Purdue and is employed by a local medical office.

They have been married for 15 years and are planning a trip to Disney this summer.

Please welcome them...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat
2nd Mile Giving 9:30am - First Worship 10:30am - SS Classes 9 Bathroom Remodel 9:30am - First Worship 10:30am - SS Classes 2pm - Newcomers 16	Bathroom Remodel 6:30pm - Trustee Committee 3 Bathroom Remodel 5:30pm - Communication 6:30pm - S/P/PRC Committee 7pm - Bowling League 10	Bathroom Remodel 4 Bathroom Remodel 7pm - Talzé Prayer Services 11 Bathroom Remodel 12pm - Kids Hope Board 7pm - NA - Library 12	Bathroom Remodel 9:30am - Bible Study - 7pm - NA - Library 4 Bathroom Remodel 12pm - Kids Hope Board 7pm - NA - Library 12	Bathroom Remodel 11am - Line Dancing w/Sue 1pm - Yarn Ministry 6pm - Cub Scout Meeting - 6:30pm - NAMI 6 Bathroom Remodel 11am - Line Dancing w/Sue 1pm - Yarn Ministry 6pm - Cub Scout Meeting - 6:30pm - NAMI 6	Bathroom Remodel 7 Flag Day HVAC Fellowship Hall 14 Bathroom Remodel HVAC Fellowship Hall 14	First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride 7am - CASSA Yard Sale 8 Barn - Men's Breakfast at 6pm - Ladies Night Out 8
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