

The Pylon

Woodmar United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



Pastor Esta Rosario

October 2022

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family & Friends of Woodmar,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This month, on Sunday, October 16th, we are kicking off a Stewardship Campaign Series called *Committed to Christ*. Unfortunately, the words “stewardship campaign” have gotten a bad rap over the years. Somehow, these words have been reduced to the thought that the church is just begging for money. The truth is that stewardship is all about discipleship. And, we, who claim to love Jesus, are striving to be his disciples, right? And, not just striving to be his disciples, but striving to be disciples who are growing more and more in the likeness of Christ.

Let’s cut straight to the heart of the matter: how committed are we to being growing disciples of Jesus Christ? Please take a moment, look in a mirror, and ask, “How committed am I to being a growing disciple of Jesus Christ?” No one else can answer this question for you. No one else can answer this question for me. It’s a personal question whose answer has a profound effect on our lives together as the Body of Christ...it has a profound effect on our ability to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our neighborhood. If we are not individually committed to being growing disciples of Jesus Christ, we will not grow as the Body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22 tells us that Christ is the head, over all things of the church, and the church “is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” We cannot display the fullness of Jesus without growing more and more in his likeness.

Growing as disciples isn’t something we wait to do when we have time, or when life is more settled, or...or....or (fill in your own excuse)....friends, the time is NOW! I am praying that we will dig into this series: *Committed to Christ*, that we may grow in our personal relationship with Jesus, and as a result, our church will be filled with passion for the call God has on our lives to live life intentionally with our neighbors.

Over the past three years I’ve walked alongside a family who suffered a great tragedy. You all know the story about our great-niece, Brooklyne Rose, who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia at 10 months of age and was basically in Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital for the last eight months of her life before she lost her battle on December 5, 2019. Her parents, Emily and Dan, could have easily quit on life...could have easily dismissed God for taking their sweet, baby girl at such a young age. There is no rhyme or reason as to why precious Brookie had to die.

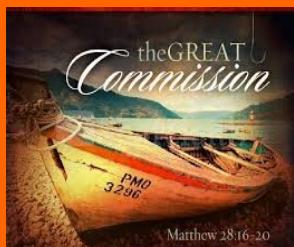
Instead of shutting down and staying angry, Dan and Emily decided to believe that “all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28) They founded a nonprofit called “Brooklyne’s Beacons” whose mission is “To be a light to families

PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER EVERY DAY:

Holy Spirit, fill me and empower me for the work to which you have called me. Holy Spirit, fill Woodmar United Methodist Church and empower us for the work to which you have called us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEOPLE OF WOODMAR, WHO ARE YOU?

I am a beloved child of God, called and sent to make a difference in the world.



**Our Mission:
To make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.**

**Our Vision:
Go. Teach. Love.**

battling childhood cancer.” Their vision is “To raise awareness of childhood cancer, inspire hope, and provide support for those affected by it.”

For two years in a row, Brooklyne’s Beacons has sponsored an event called “Bike for the Bell.” When the bikers, runners, and walkers finish, they ring the bell in solidarity with cancer patients, who, when they finish their treatments, ring a bell. I’ve been honored to be the Event Coordinator for Bike for the Bell and have witnessed the strong faith of my niece and nephew-in-love. Will their hearts be forever broken because Brookie is no longer with them? Yes. They miss her every single day. There is a hole in their family. They are blessed to be parents of 3 children: Colton (7), Brooklyne, and Adelyne (18 mos.). Emily and Dan work full-time, Colton plays sports, and Adelyne is an active, curious, independent toddler who keeps them on their toes. In spite of their busy lives and learning to live with their grief, they are choosing to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ...they are choosing to be obedient to God’s call on their lives to bring hope to families who so desperately need it.

The point in sharing their story is that we all have a choice to make. We can choose to let our life circumstances keep us down. We can choose to remain comfortable and lukewarm in our faith. Or, we can choose to be growing disciples of Jesus who wake up in the morning knowing we have a holy purpose to fulfill! Will we be committed to Christ or not? Choosing to be committed to Jesus does not mean life will be easy, but it does mean that we will live in the assurance and confidence that we are never alone. Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) Thanks be to God!

See you in worship!

Living in the Grip of God’s Grace,

Pastor Esta



Adelyne at Brookie's Grave.



Back of Brookie's Grave.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Committed to Christ Bible Study for six weeks beginning the week of October 9th!

There are three sessions to choose from:

Sundays at 11:30AM in the lounge/library beginning Oct. 9th, led by Pastor Esta
Tuesdays at 11AM via ZOOM beginning Oct. 11th led by Donna Benirschke & Yvonne Jackson
Fridays at 1PM via ZOOM beginning Oct. 14th led by Rosanna Fowler & Ramah McCabe

- Week 1: Prayer
- Week 2: Bible Reading
- Week 3: Worship
- Week 4: Witness
- Week 5: Financial Giving
- Week 6: Service

PRAYER STATIONS

Prayer stations will be set up in the Sanctuary on Thursdays beginning October 20th, through November 17th, 10AM – 1PM. Please come and spend intentional time praying for our church members and our church. You will be blessed as you bless others through prayer.

Racial Equity will resume on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10AM via ZOOM. We will be listening to a six-week podcast series called “Expanding the Table.” Here is the link, if you’d like to get a head start! <Https://www.r2hub.org/library/podcast>. There is also a downloadable discussion guide.

LUNCH/DINNER/DESSERT WITH THE PASTOR & THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM:

Please sign up for one of the following times to have lunch/dinner/dessert with Pastor Esta and the stewardship team to discuss what it means to be fully committed to Christ:

Monday, October 24th, 11AM – Noon in the lounge (limited to 10 people)

Saturday, October 29th, 12:30 – 1:30PM at the parsonage (not handicap accessible) (limit 5 people)

Monday, October 31st, 11AM – Noon at the parsonage (not handicap accessible)

Sunday, November 6th, 4 – 5PM in the lounge

Monday, November 7th, 11AM – Noon in the lounge

Tuesday, November 8th, 5:30 – 6:30PM in the lounge

Saturday, November 12th, 12:30 – 1:30PM at the parsonage (not handicap accessible)



Colton at Brookie's grave.

Ringing the bell on childhood cancer.





COMMUNITY
Preschool & Childcare

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

We began our September Board meeting with a reading of Isaiah 43:19, "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." Yes! We do believe that God has made a pathway through the wilderness of the past two years. Just last year, our September enrollment was 30, this year our September enrollment is 60! We are grateful!

We are also grateful for the stellar staff that are the true heart of Community Preschool and Childcare. Please take a walk into the classrooms to experience the engaging and caring environment that each teaching team has created to form a sense of school family. You will also see a Cozy Area in each classroom with Feeling Buddies and books about our big emotions. Each classroom incorporates a Brain Smart Start in their morning with specific activities designed to unite, disengage stress, connect and commit. Adults and children learn to manage their emotions and make choices to do what is right for our school family.

- Activities to Unite: special songs and activities that the class does together.
- Activity to Disengage Stress: breathing activities, stretching and Feeling Buddies. Feeling Buddies are in a safe place designed to allow a child to name their big feeling and work through it.
- Activity to Connect: Connection with young children requires four critical elements: eye contact, presence, touch and playfulness. One important activity for connection is done when each teacher moves to a child's eye level and asks which handshake or morning greeting the child would like. The greeting involves each of the four critical elements of connecting.
- Activity to Commit: The children review their list of skills that will keep each one safe during the day and commit to what each will do to have a safe day.

SHARE THE GOOD

October means Butter Braid Bread and Cookie Dough!

Community Preschool and Childcare will be taking orders from October 5 – October 26. Your support and encouragement are always appreciated!





The United Women in Faith kicked off the fall season with a potluck in the church at the end of August. We assembled the personal items which we had collected for the Lucille Raines Residence and sent them to our district meeting for distribution. Located in Indianapolis, the Lucille Raines Residence is owned and operated by the United Methodist Women of Indiana. It houses people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and provides meetings and activities to help residents rebuild their lives.

In September we resumed regular meetings. We decided to combine our circles and to meet together on the **third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm** in the narthex. With combining the circles, we have also changed the name to Mary Circle. When the weather gets bad in the winter we will shift our meetings to Zoom at the same time.

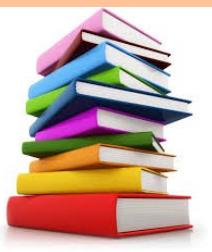
The national organization of United Methodist Women officially became United Women in Faith in March. The organization says that along with a new logo, it has “an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.” Anyone interested in learning more about this national group of women can access their website at <https://uwfaith.org>.



10/02	Lori Jones
10/11	Olivia Rosario-Ahrendt
10/19	Bev Wiman
10/22	Cathy Gonzalez
10/25	Jo Ann Wilkinson
	Christian Calkins
10/26	Belen London



Woodmar Book Club



Book club will meet via Zoom on Monday, Oct. 17th at 1PM

WOODMAR BOOK CLUB

The Book Club selection for October is *The Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison.

“Milkman Dead was born shortly after a neighborhood eccentric hurled himself off a rooftop in a vain attempt at flight. For the rest of his life he, too, will be trying to fly. With this brilliantly imagined novel, Toni Morrison transfigures the coming-of-age story as audaciously as Saul Bellow or Gabriel García Márquez. As she follows Milkman from his rustbelt city to the place of his family’s origins, Morrison introduces an entire cast of strivers and seeresses, liars and assassins, the inhabitants of a fully realized black world.” review from goodreads.com

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

The October mission is our annual Trunk or Treat. We use cash donations to purchase the candy or other goodies for the children or you can give donations of candy.

This is the day we invite the children of the community into our Community Center. We decorate tables and the children go from table to table. This way, they can enjoy the fun of Halloween and Trick or Treating in a safe environment.

Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th, 5-7PM in the Community Center!

We will have 10 tables set up in the Community Center for children to "trick-or-treat" at AND hotdogs and chips for a yummy treat! In accordance with our Child Protection Policy, we kindly ask all volunteers to go to this website for a background check: <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/isp-lch/>. There is a cost of \$16.32. If the cost is prohibitive, please contact Nancy Tatum in the church office to arrange a time to come to the church for the background check. All adults who volunteer with children must have a background check on file. Thank you for understanding!



Our Caregivers will continue to meet at the Wheel at noon on the 3rd Tuesday each month. We welcome any additional people who would like to share, or just attend, and hear what others have to say. It is an hour of relaxation in Christian fellowship.

A Caregiver can be a grandparent raising grandchildren or someone caring for an ill relative or friend. It is important to learn to take time for yourself. Please feel free to join in.

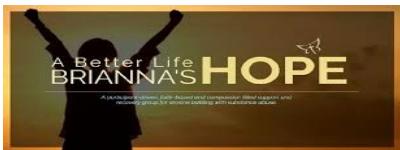
Congregational Care Corps is looking for crockpots! Actually crockpots filled with your favorite chili! Announcing our annual Chili Cook-off on October 23rd during our fellowship time. It is always a lot of fun and good food. Please see Nancy Craig.



WHAT'S UP, WOODMAR?

Sonrise Seniors, darts, and Karate are again meeting in the church and are all extending an invitation to you to join in the fun!

Brianna's Hope meets on Wednesdays at 6PM. Each meeting starts with a light meal.



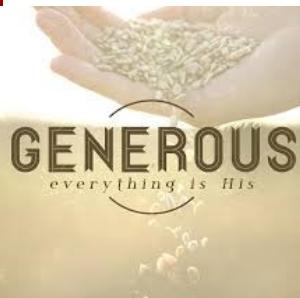
News to share?
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Normal Sunday Schedule	Chapel 9:30AM-10:30AM 505-9814-3038
Normal Sunday Schedule	Worship 10AM, Children's Church-Children's Sunday School following
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Sunday Schedule	10:15 Coffee fellowship following



Remember Scrip!

When you purchase Scrip cards through the church, you are donating to the church's current expenses! It does not cost you anything additional to purchase one. It is as simple to use as a credit card. There is a wide variety of cards that we can order for you (and we have many on hand.) Just ask Nancy Jarmula on Sunday morning. They are great to use yourself or to give as a gift! And...the church earns a percentage from every order! Thank you for your support!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Charge Conference on Saturday, **October 8th**, 10AM – NOON at Christ UMC, 201 W. Ridge Rd., Gary, IN.

Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 30th**, 5-7PM in our Community Center.

Combined Thanksgiving Worship on **Wednesday, November 23rd** at 7PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 7051 Indianapolis Blvd. Participating churches: Christ Lutheran, Gloria Dei Lutheran and Woodmar UMC!

Combined Choirs will present a Merry Methodist Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, December 18th** at 3PM at Ridge UMC. Participating churches: Christ, Fifth Avenue, Marquette Park, Hobart First, Hammond First, Hyde Park, Dyer, Griffith, Ridge, and Woodmar.

FINANCES

We ended August with Expenses over Income of \$10,172 and a negative cash balance of \$485.00. In the month of August we had to borrow a total of \$10,000 from the Special Funds Account to meet our monthly bills. There is nothing unusual regarding our expenses for August, just did not meet our income budget. We are definitely in a cash flow situation. Please keep our financial situation in your prayers!

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Income for budgeted expenses

Donations	8,990
Rental income	1,690
Fundraisers	
Initial offering	
Foundation	
Scrip	<70>
Preschool/church	1,765
Preschool for custodian	350
Income for budgeted	12,725
Year to date income to expenses	<16,223>

Budgeted expenses

Program expenses	493
Building related	10,220
Office related	1,008
Staff expenses	10,397
Apportionments	606
Finance & Fees	36
Total Expenses	22,760
August operating income to expenses +/-	<10,172>

Unbudgeted Income, Special Funds

Missions	124
Special	
Memorial Fund	1,000
Property Maintenance	540
Capital Campaign	665
Altar Flowers /Communion	24
Other spec. donations	586
Camperships	
Misc.	
Interest income	
Total	2,939

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Remember to go



LINK FOR ZOOM EVENING PRAYERS

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Evening Prayers

Time: Oct. 1, 2022 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, until Nov 15, 2022, 50 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZIqfuGspzIpH9MVihZA-xdQAkmi6ZBJfNg8/ics>

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Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86798499357?
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