

# The Pylon

Woodmar United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*



Pastor Esta Rosario

August 2022

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Woodmar Family & Friends,

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

Is it just me, or is the summer flying by? I can hardly believe I'm writing to you for the AUGUST Pylon! Time...please slow down! Or, maybe it's that I/we need to slow down?

We had surprise visitors a couple of weeks ago...my nephew, Joe, his wife, Ashley, and their two



children, Owen & Myra. You may recognize Ashley's name from our prayer list, as she's been battling Non Hodgkins Lymphoma for six years now. Her oncologist told her almost three years ago that there was nothing more they could do... they had exhausted all the chemo treatments and nothing was working. Joe and Ashley weren't satisfied with that information, so they began doing their own research and found a hospital in Philadelphia that offered experimental treatments to patients who qualified. Ashley qualified, and since beginning those treatments, her pet scans have been "unremarkable." I never dreamed that "unremarkable" would become such a beautiful word!

Owen and Myra were 4 and 2 when Ashley was diagnosed; she and Joe had just become houseparents at the Milton Hershey School for at-risk children about a year earlier. So, in addition to their own family, they are responsible for the care of twelve high school girls. Their lives are full, to put it mildly. Living/working as houseparents for at-risk children is their calling,,their ministry. They are living life intentionally with these precious teenage girls. Notice that I wrote "Living/working"...for their living and working are one and the same. It's not possible to compartmentalize their living from their working, which is our goal for living our faith, isn't it?

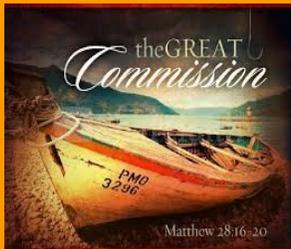
Since Ashley's diagnosis, they have realized the importance of making beautiful memories together, so they have begun using their vacation time in the summers to take trips. This summer, they camped all the way from Hershey, PA to Mt. Rainier, Washington and back. When they were in Gillette, Wyoming, the transmission in their car went out, which is why we had the blessing of seeing them. They rented a car and drove to Hammond to pick up Charlie's and Jeanie's Pilot. They were able to return their rental and drive the Pilot home. (Charlie and Jeanie along with our sister Kitty, and her husband, Larry are on a vacation together. They drove here on July 7<sup>th</sup>, so we could take them to O'Hare on July 8<sup>th</sup>, which is why we had their car.) Because of all these little twists and turns, we were blessed to have a short visit with Joe and his beautiful family.

**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.**

While we were visiting, I noticed this tattoo on Joe's arm:

If you've never had music lessons, you will not understand what it is. The squiggly part is a quarter rest, which by itself means to rest for one full beat. The bullseye over it is called a fermata, which means to hold for an extended period of time. If this is written for a solo instrument, the soloist determines the length of the rest. If this is written for an ensemble...say, an orchestra or band, the director determines the length of the rest.



I asked Joe what the significance of the tattoo is for him. His response brought me to tears. Their lives are like a roller coaster ride...many ups and downs, sudden twists and turns, jerkily inching forward to a great unknown, plummeting not knowing what awaits them, crying, laughing, waiting...always waiting for what comes next, but not knowing what comes next. What they've learned through all of this is to rest in God's hands. Most things that happen to them are beyond their control, and all they can do is rest and wait. They've come to understand and trust that God is the One who directs them, so no matter what happens, they trust that God is the One who is holding them through it all.

Ashley got a tattoo on the same day Joe did. Her tattoo is a group of dandelions. The significance? It reflects the title of her blog, "Daring to Hope: Finding Beauty in a Sea of Weeds." If you'd like to read her inspirational posts about her journey with cancer, here's the web address: [choosinghope.blog](http://choosinghope.blog). They got their tattoos to celebrate her one-year anniversary of being in remission. The ironic part? She relapsed two months later, and since then, has relapsed three times. Their unexpected journey continues, and they're okay because they know they are resting in the hands of the One who created them and walks with them every step of the way. Thanks be to God!

May we all learn to savor each moment of this precious life we've been given, resting in the assurance that God our Savior walks with us every step of the way! Hallelujah!

Living in the Grip of God's Grace,

♡ Pastor Esta

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## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**Bible Book Club will resume in September.**

**Racial Equity will resume in September.**

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN JANUARY 2023!!!

Confirmation classes will be offered January 2023 – May 2023 for high school students, and anyone who has not been through Confirmation, but would like to! The call-out meeting has been moved to Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. Please mark your calendar!  
And, please be praying about who will be the best Confirmation Shepherd for your student.



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM FOR FALL 2022

Friends, during the worst parts of COVID, we stopped offering children's ministries. It is high time we begin offering Sunday School, Children's Church, and other ministries for the children of our church *and* our neighborhood! There are four children who attend worship on a regular basis; there are young grandchildren who visit from time-to-time; MiniUP™ families have begun asking about Sunday School and Children's Church. **Who will step up to serve on this important ministry team?**

Please contact Pastor Esta expressing your interest via email:

[erosario@woodmarumc.org](mailto:erosario@woodmarumc.org) or call/text 219-669-4201. Thank you!

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE LOUNGE/LIBRARY.**

**If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry  
but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact me! Thank you! Pastor Esta**



**COMMUNITY**  
*Preschool & Childcare*

## COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Our program is gearing up for the fall transition. This month, we send 18 children off to kindergarten with confidence and school readiness. Many tours are scheduled as we prepare to fill four classrooms. Parents and children will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and complete enrollment packets later this month. We are still searching for one lead teacher so that we can re-open our fifth classroom for young three-year old's.

Karianne, our Asst. Director, has been enrolling parents in childcare assistance from the State. As the Build Learn Grow Scholarships have come to an end, Karianne has assisted qualifying families transition to an emergency grant issued from the State. The grant helps our families continue to pay for childcare. The State has provided temporary eligibility for families enrolled in the scholarship program and attending an early childhood program with a household income at or below 85% of State Median Income. These families have received a 53-week CCDF voucher which allows them to continue working while their children are in high-quality care.

Thank you to Chuck Anderson for assisting us in purchasing a refrigerator for our program. Chuck has had a lot of experience in ordering refrigerators lately. First, the church refrigerator went out and then our CPCC refrigerator stopped holding a consistent temperature. Thanks to our Stabilization grant, we were able to purchase a new refrigerator.

Here are some of the children trying to spot the cucumbers growing!





Dear Chancel Choir, thank you for singing at mom's memorial service. Your music was lovely, and it was so fitting that you sang for my mom!  
Gratefully - Judy Royal

Dear Yvonne Jackson & all the women who organized the reception following my mother's memorial service—we appreciated it so much! It meant a lot to me to be back in my childhood church and to have the women of the church step forward to host the reception. Thank you for your kindness and for the cookies...they were delicious!  
Sincerely—Judy Royal

Here are our two new refrigerators. The one on the left is the new one for CPCC and the one on the right is the church's. Thank you, Chuck for stepping up to bat for us!



**TAKE A STEP TOWARD STAYING  
HEALTHY & ACTIVE**

Life Line Screening

Woodmar UMC, 7320 Northcote, Hammond

**Monday, August 1**

To register for your appointment please call

1-888-652-6450

or visit <https://lisa.social/HSC>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**SAVE  
THE DATE  
KIDS CLOSET/  
BACKPACK  
GIVEAWAY**

9AM —  
11AM

**AND  
COMMUNITY PICNIC**  
11AM—1PM

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**AUG 13  
2022**

**AUG. 14, 10AM  
BACK TO SHOOL  
BLESSING**

**Now accepting  
donations of  
new and  
gently used  
clothing and  
toys.  
Thank you!**

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



We will have the United Women in Faith potluck on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the church. Each member will bring a dish to share, and beverages will be furnished. Friends are welcome. We plan to resume our regular circle meetings in September.

Woodmar UMF are still collecting items for Phil's Friends, an organization which provides church-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. These items will go into the cancer-care packages that Phil's Friends distribute. Please support this worthwhile cause by bringing new, unused items to the labeled box in the narthex.

08/11 Gabriel Calkins  
08/12 Judy Anderson  
08/17 Richard Austin  
08/18 Pam Lewis



08/20 Rosanna Fowler  
08/23 Shane Mock  
08/27 Miguel Rosario  
08/29 Diane Drajenske

## WOODMAR BOOK CLUB

The book for August is *The Judge's List* by John Grisham.

"In *The Whistler*, Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change.

Then she meets a mysterious woman who is so frightened she uses a number of aliases. Jeri Crosby's father was murdered twenty years earlier in a case that remains unsolved and that has grown stone cold. But Jeri has a suspect whom she has become obsessed with and has stalked for two decades. Along the way, she has discovered other victims.

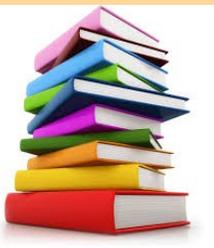
Suspicious are easy enough, but proof seems impossible. The man is brilliant, patient, and always one step ahead of law enforcement. He is the most cunning of all serial killers. He knows forensics, police procedure, and most important: he knows the law.

He is a judge, in Florida—under Lacy's jurisdiction. He has a list, with the names of his victims and targets, all unsuspecting people unlucky enough to have crossed his path and wronged him in some way. How can Lacy pursue him, without becoming the next name on his list?

The *Judge's List* is by any measure John Grisham's most surprising, chilling novel yet."

~review from Amazon books

## Woodmar Book Club



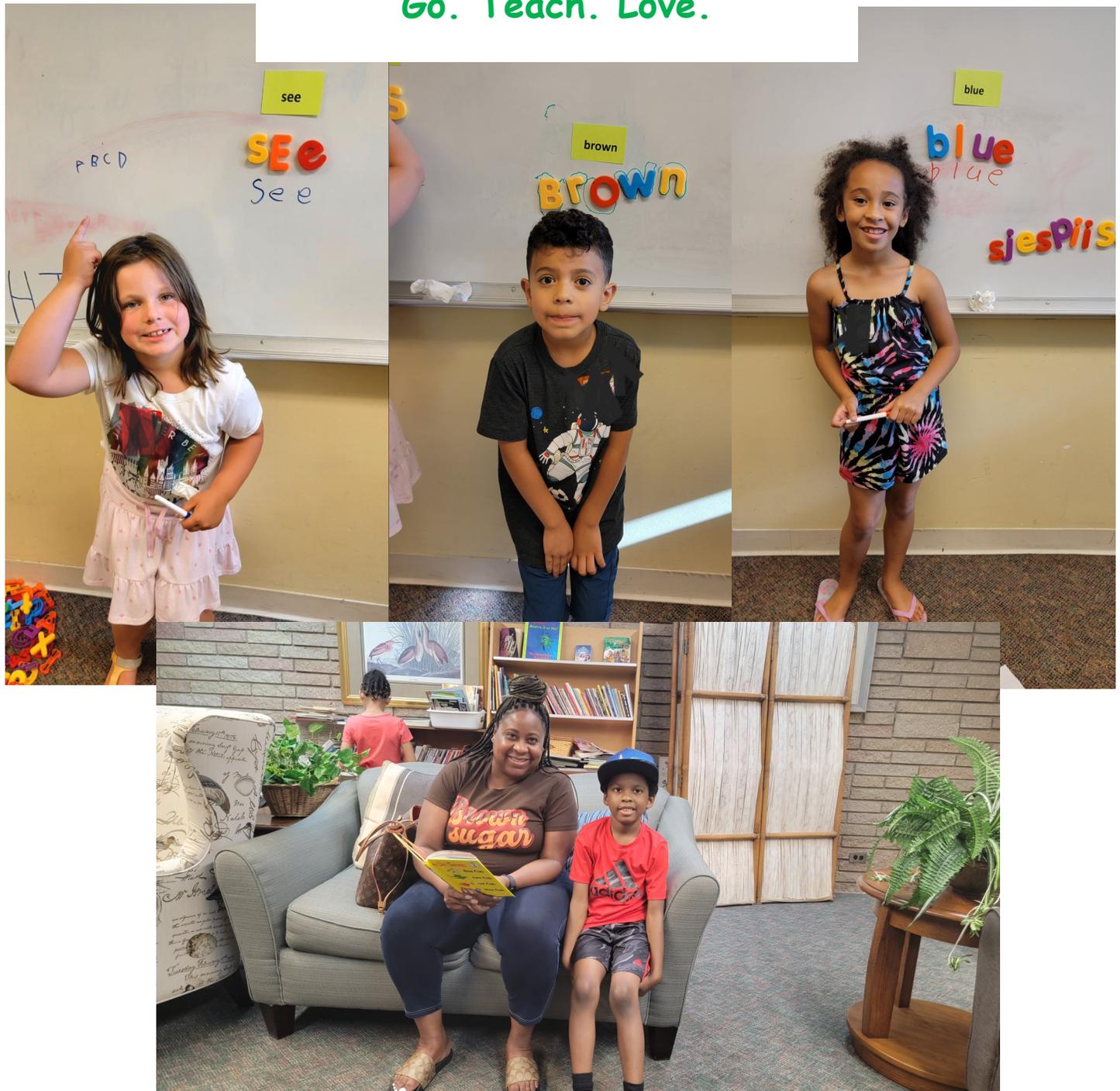
Book club will meet via Zoom on Monday, Aug 15<sup>h</sup> at 1PM

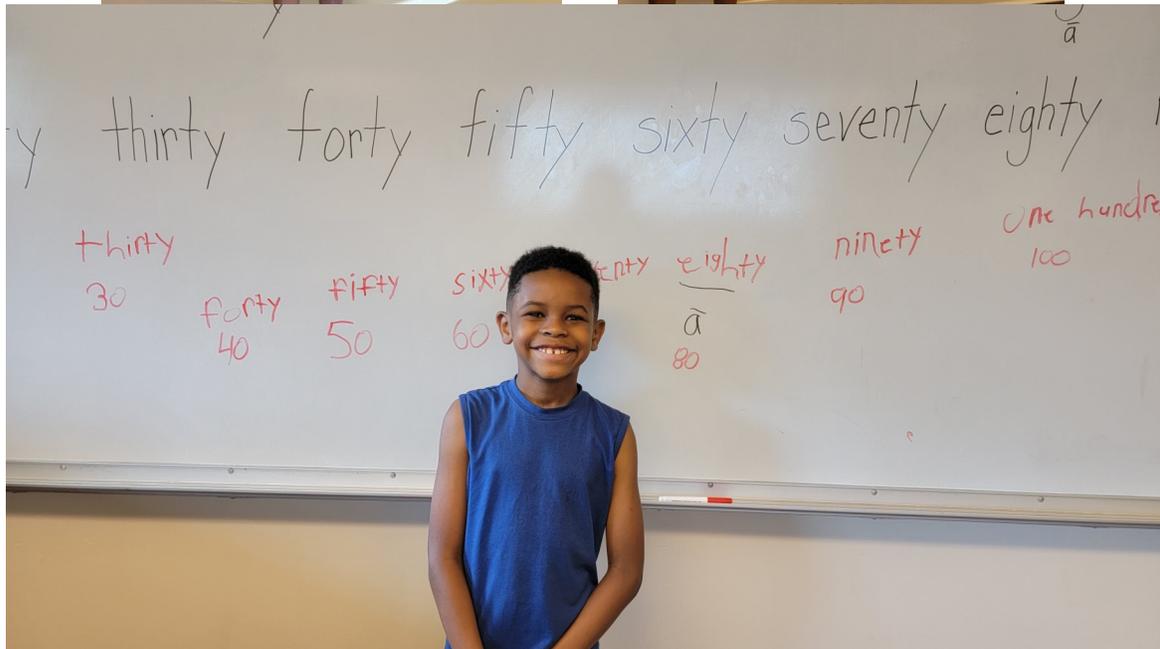
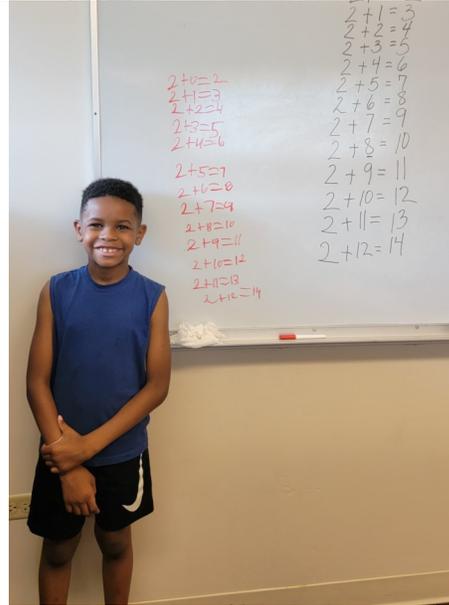
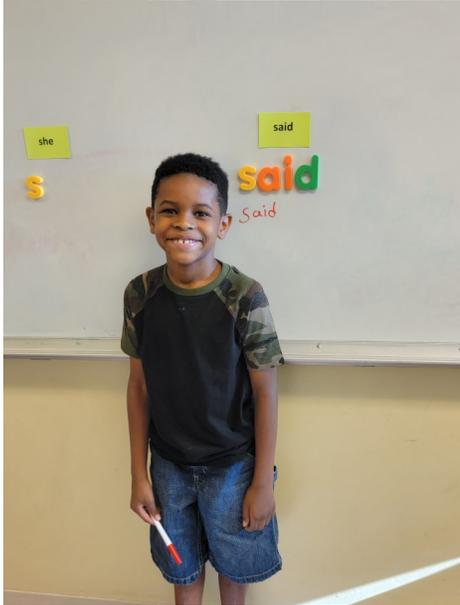


MiniUP™ Summer Session began on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and will run until Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We work with the children on letters and numbers from 5-6PM; at 6PM, the families join us for 30 minutes of reading, then at 6:30 we share a meal together.

In September, our MiniUP™ staff will once again be going to Jefferson Elementary on Tuesdays after school. If you would like to join our staff, please contact Pastor Esta via email: [erosario@woodmarumc.org](mailto:erosario@woodmarumc.org) or call/text: 219-669-4201.

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## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

The **August mission** is Mini Up™. MiniUP™ Mission Statement: To uplift and empower young children through reinforcing the importance of education and the development of life skills.

MiniUP™ was birthed out of God’s call on our church to live life intentionally with our neighbors. We have prayed and wrestled with how to do this in a way that is authentic, and honors our Savior as well as our neighbors. Our intention is to come alongside people, to get to know them, to learn from them, and to, perhaps, meet a need, if invited to do so. (And, we have been invited to do so!)

Last September, our MiniUP™ Team began a program after school on Tuesdays for Kindergarteners and first graders at Jefferson Elementary. We have a wonderful team of educators who deeply care about children and their families. Additionally, we have Sixth Grade Buddies, whose purpose is to encourage the little ones and assist our staff as needed. This year, the MiniUP™ program will include Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. The Student Support Specialists have noticed us, and have invited us to recruit other churches to implement MiniUP™ in the other elementary schools. This is a blessing and tremendous responsibility. Please pray for our team, for the elementary school students, families, teachers, staff, and administration, and for the churches who will join us in walking with young families. And, please give generously to this important ministry! Thank you!



**Our Caregivers group** will continue meeting the 3rd Tues. of the month throughout the summer at The Wheel at noon. We will meet August 16. We welcome anyone who is or has been involved with caregiving. Just let us know so that we won’t start without you. You can phone Rosanna Fowler at 219-836-6269 ([roanfowler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roanfowler@sbcglobal.net)) or call the church office. It is a time

**Congregational Care Corps** wants you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers each day. We hope all is well with you and your families. We continue to meet in person for worship, and hope to see you if you feel comfortable coming. We know not everyone will, and that’s okay! If there is ANYTHING at all that you need, please do not hesitate to call the church office or Nancy Craig at (219)688-2705. May God watch over you and bless your lives.



### WHAT’S UP, WOODMAR?

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

**News to share?**  
**The deadline for the**  
***September Pylon***  
**is August 22.**



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

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Normal Sunday Schedule	Children’s Sunday School-9AM Worship-10AM, Children’s Church-10:15 Coffee fellowship following



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**  
**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (EDT)**

Lakeville UMC | 610 N. Michigan St., Lakeville, IN

JOIN US FOR A TIME TOGETHER INCLUDING:

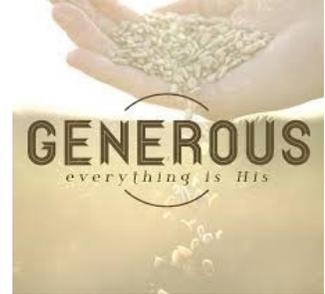
- Worship
- Live Music
- Activities for Kids & Adults
- Food Trucks

 **North District**  
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



**FINANCES**

June financials ended even for the month. We brought in just enough income to pay our bills. That's the good news. The bad, our cash in the bank is depleted. We've had to transfer cash from Preschool and will soon be borrowing from the Special Funds Account to stay solvent. We usually go through a "cash crunch" in the summer and fall, this year it has reared its ugly head early. Please keep your thoughts with us as we struggle through!



Help! Can you believe it? We need dish towels in the kitchenette! If you have a plethora of towels, please bring in a couple. Or, maybe the next time you are out shopping, you would please pick one or two up for us. Thank you for your help!

**JUNE FINANCIALS**

<b><u>Income for budgeted expenses</u></b>	
Donations	8,718
Rental income	2,155
Fundraisers	
Initial offering	
Foundation	
Scrip	93
Preschool/church	6,765
<u>Preschool for custodian</u>	<u>350</u>
Income for budgeted	18,081
Year to date income to expenses	(5,798)

<b><u>Budgeted expenses</u></b>	
Program expenses	437
Building related	6,223
Office related	559
Staff expenses	9,895
Apportionments	608
<u>Finance &amp; Fees</u>	<u>38</u>
Total Expenses	17,761
June operating income to expenses +/-	60

<b><u>Unbudgeted Income, Special Funds</u></b>	
Missions	387
Special	
Memorial Fund	190
Property Maintenance	636
Capital Campaign	710
Altar Flowers /Communion	56
Coffee Machine	
Other Spec.	24
Camperships	100
Misc.	(40)
<b><u>Interest income</u></b>	
Total	2,062

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**LINK FOR ZOOM EVENING PRAYERS, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> & BEYOND:**

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Evening Prayers

Time: Aug 22, 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-  
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