

The Pylon

Woodmar United Methodist Church
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Pastor Esta Rosario

May-June 2022



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family and Friends of Woodmar,

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!

Oh, the joy and excitement we experienced on Resurrection Sunday! This year we had the added joy of the baptism of a sweet baby boy, Draconzy Moon Smith. We sang a hymn called “I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry.” The hymn is written as if God is speaking, and chronicles how God is with his children in every stage of their lives...it’s a beautiful hymn that is hard to sing without leaky eyes.

What a blessing it is to be assured of God’s presence with us in every moment of our lives! Not to sound too simplistic, but our earthly lives are replete with highs and lows: the death of a beloved grandparent that happens near the birth of a great-grandchild; the celebration of a high school graduation coupled with an unexpected diagnosis for the mom, and on and on. How do we get through the difficulties that hit us so hard? By knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt, even when we don’t understand, even when we don’t *feel* it...by knowing that no matter what, God is present with us in the midst of life.

Easter week was a prime example of the highs and lows in life. Easter day was wonderful in every way! The next night, I had the privilege of accompanying a young woman named Payton in her final recital at Valparaiso University. Twenty years ago, Payton was in one of my Musikgarten classes. In

the top picture,
Payton and
Antonio are
sitting on my lap.
What a joy it was
to be asked to
accompany this
precious child,
who is now a
woman! We came
full circle.

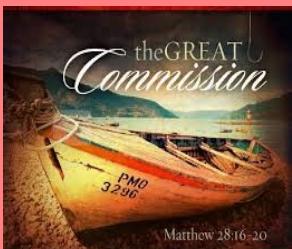


PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER EVERY DAY:

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.



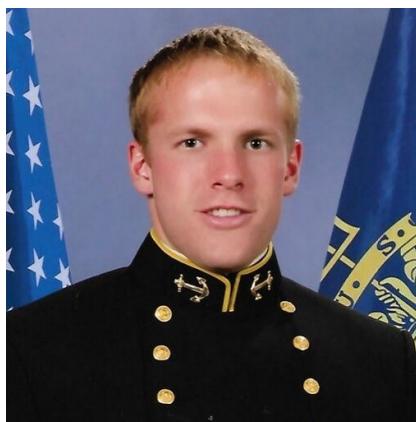
Our Mission:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:
Go. Teach. Love.

The same night as Payton's recital, Ricardo called to share with us that one of his buddies from The United States Naval Academy had died Easter morning in a training exercise in Hawaii. His name is Aaron Fowler; we met him commissioning week in May 2018. Aaron was older than Ricardo, yet he commissioned the same year, because he left the Naval Academy after his second year to serve as a missionary for two years. Then, he returned to finish his degree and training at the USNA which is when he became close friends with the Fab 4: Ricardo, Jon, Thomas, and Bryce.

Aaron had just been in Yuma (where Ricardo is currently stationed) for a training. He and Ricardo had dinner together on Wednesday evening, then Aaron flew to Hawaii the next morning to continue his training. Ricardo said, "Mom, I didn't know that when we said, 'See ya' later,' it meant Heaven." Then, he added in a quiet voice, "I'm so glad resurrection is real."

"I'm so glad resurrection is real." Me, too, Ricardo, me, too.



"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives."

"Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away." (I Peter 1:3-4)

Friends, let us remember that as we journey through life with all of its exhilarating joys and heart-wrenching sorrows, we are not alone. Our Savior has given us resurrection hope! And, along with that the assurance that in the midst of life, God is there. Thanks be to God!
The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!

Living in the Grip of God's Grace,

♡ Pastor Esta

Pastor Esta



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

PLEASE PRAY for Eva and Clara as they learn how to use their Bibles. We are meeting on Sundays after worship for eight sessions. Once we have completed the eight sessions, they will be presented with Bibles in worship. It will be a day of great celebration!

BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Bible Book Club – Fridays, May 13th and June 10th at 1PM

That's right! We started a Bible Book Club! Over the last year, we've been reading through The New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together. The reading chart has been posted to our website, and hard copies are available from the church office. The goal is to read five days per week. Please note that this is not a Bible Study. The purpose is to read and share our "A-HA" moments with each other. Once a month, we will meet via ZOOM or in person to share the verse or passage that spoke to our hearts and *why*. This is a great opportunity to practice the Spiritual Discipline of Bible Reading **together and** to practice articulating our personal reflections on Scripture in a safe environment.



PRE-K

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

The month of May reminds us that our Pre-Kindergarteners will be leaving us for “big school.” We have 20 children that will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall. Thursday, May 26 will be Pre-K Recognition in our church sanctuary with a reception afterwards. We look forward to celebrating each child’s development, and perseverance as they soar into the summer and beyond.

Our summer program includes opportunities for full-time and preschool-only enrollment for children ages 2-5. Please pass the word to friends and neighbors!

We welcome Andrea Rodriguez to our staff! Andrea has been working as a preschool assistant in an area school system. Andrea’s son is enrolled in our preschool and her sister Maira is one of our stellar staff members. Welcome to our school family Andrea!

Our Board agreed to use grant money to have the north parking lot repaired by Site Services. We are looking forward to a shiny new parking lot!

Our Board is excited to plan a special dinner and silent auction to benefit Janet and Meagan Benson. Janet has persevered through tough times and joyful times with serious health issues. We look forward to providing a late morning/early afternoon of encouragement and funds to Janet and Meg. Please let Cyndi or Pastor Esta know if you would like to help with this special dinner. Details will be forthcoming.



PRE-K

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 11AM-2PM, \$10

**Brunch and Silent Auction
Benefit Janet Benson**

Janet is courageously battling cancer.
Our encouragement and financial support are needed now. If you
would like
to help with this special event,
please contact Cyndi Slaboski at cslaboski@gmail.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 20th – 24th: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

Do you love Jesus? Do you love children? If you answered, "YES!" to these questions, serving at VBS is the ministry for you! Please contact Pastor Esta ASAP with your willingness to serve! Email: erosario@woodmarumc.org or call/text 219-669-4201.



MiniUP™ Summer Session

on Tuesdays, June 28th until August 2nd, 5-7PM. Again, if you love Jesus and you love children, this is the ministry for you! Please contact Pastor Esta for details. Email: erosario@woodmarumc.org or call/text 219-669-4201.

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! If you are willing to serve on this team, please contact Pastor Esta via email: erosario@woodmarumc.org or call/text 219-669-4201. Thank you! ¹⁴ 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)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN JANUARY 2023!!!

Confirmation classes will be offered January 2023 – May 2023 for middle school/high school students, and anyone who has not been through Confirmation, but would like to! The call-out meeting will be Sunday, August 21st immediately following worship. Please mark your calendar! And, please be praying about who will be the best Confirmation Shepherd for your student.



Linda Trinkle and her sister would like to thank all of the people who helped them out when Linda broke her hand. Many made meals and took them to her. Linda says you don't realize how difficult things are to do with only one hand!

CLOTHING NEEDED-KIDS CLOSET

**Saturday, August 13th
Kids Closet/Backpack Giveaway**



We need boys and girls clothing. We have a lot of infant and toddlers items, but need clothing and coats for the older children.

We will also need plenty of help prior to the date for sorting and for setting out the items and, on the date, helping people! Please contact the church office.

(219)844-3030 or
office@woodmarumc.org

**SAVE
THE
DATES!**

**Saturday, August 13th
Kids Closet/Backpack Giveaway**

**Sunday, August 14th
Back to School Blessing Sunday and
Community Picnic.**

Please volunteer to help!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Lake County Master Gardeners awarded us a grant to purchase compost for our Community Garden this year! Thank you, LCMG! By the time you read this, weather permitting, the Woodmar Community Garden will be tilled and ready for planting! We are looking for people who enjoy gardening to help us maintain the garden this summer. If you are not interested, will you please talk to others about this and help us find people who would be willing to be on a rotation of people caring for our garden? Please contact Pastor Esta expressing your desire to help via email: erosario@woodmarumc.org or call/text 219-669-4201. Thank you!

PECAN TREES

Michael Blejski, one of our young adults, gifted us with two pecan trees. Mike, Joe LaBresh (Yvonne Jackson's grandson), and Oscar Trevino planted these trees on our property. One is planted in between the parking lot and the garden, and the other one is planted close to 173rd and Northcote, in line with the other trees on that side. They currently look like sticks, but with time will grow into beautiful pecan trees. Thank you, Mike!





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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

WOODMAR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women held their annual Agape Meal on Tuesday, April 12th. A devotional was read, and the meaning of “agape” and the history of Easter Eggs were presented. Pastor Esta offered communion. We also enjoyed a meal reminiscent of those eaten by early Christians.

The UMW council will meet on Zoom on Monday, May 2nd at 9:30 a.m. On the third Wednesday in May at 9:30 a.m. Hannah Circle will also meet via Zoom. Deborah Circle will meet in person in the narthex on the second Thursday in May at 3:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend any of these meetings. We don't have plans for any meetings in June or July, but we hope to see you all for our Pot Luck in August.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/01 Brian Lewis
- 5/05 Jane Duncanson
- Nancy Tatum
- 5/06 Robert Fukuda
- 5/11 Robert Underwood
- 5/12 Shirlee Craig
- 5/13 Antonio Rosario
- 5/14 Sharon Matthews
- 5/19 Irene Maurer
- 5/21 Mary Zaikis
- Jodie Runyon

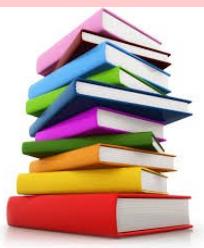


- 5/23 Carol Solon
- 5/30 Madelyn Kocon

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/09 Mary Lou Hughes
- 6/13 Ramah McCabe
- Alan Geurts
- Susan Craig
- Deidra Meeker
- Valorie White

Woodmar Book Club



Book club will
meet via
Zoom on
Monday,
May 18th
& June 20th
at 1PM

WOODMAR Book CLUB

The May selection is *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles & June's is *The Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly.

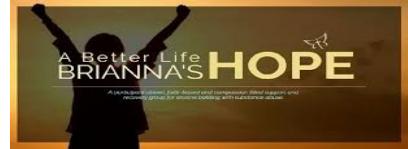
“Moments with other people, he found, were much more likely to be filled with laughter and surprises than moments with oneself. And moments with oneself were more likely to circle inward toward some thought that one didn’t want to be having in the first place. But on this occasion, on this occasion that he found himself with a moment to himself, Woolly welcomed it.”— Amor Towles, [The Lincoln Highway](#)

“... in Sunflower Sisters, Kelly tells the story of her ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse who joins the war effort during the Civil War, and how her calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Ann-May Wilson, a southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists.—Goodreads.com

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



The May Mission is Brianna's Hope is an addiction recovery support group. It is a great addition to any addiction education. There is peer counseling, group meeting, goal setting, guest speakers and shared recovery. It meets every Wednesday, starting with a free dinner. The June Mission is to add funds to the benefit for Janet Benson. Please see insert.



CANNED GOODS We continue collecting canned goods on the first Sunday of every month for Hammond First for their food pantry. Please bring only unexpired canned fruits, vegetables, and soups. Please designate what items are for Hammond First and what you are bringing for our Blessing Box. Thank you!



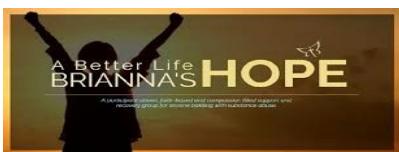
Caregivers will continue to meet in person on the 3rd Tues. at noon at The Wheel. That will be May 17 & June 21. We welcome anyone who is or has been involved with caregiving. Just let us know so that we won't start without you. You can phone Rosanna Fowler at 219-836-6269 (roanfowler@sbcglobal.net) or call the church office. It is a time to relax and share with each other.

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 back 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

PAWS FOR PEACE

Our four legged friends and their parents miss visiting Hartsfield Village. They hope to be able to get back to it soon!

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It's May! Well, the year is certainly marching along! There is not much better than a Scrip card for mom for Mother's Day! When you purchase a Scrip card Woodmar earns 2 to 12 percent which will help support our budget. Scrip cards range in value from \$10 to \$100. Cards must be paid for when ordering. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions. (njarmula@sbcglobal.net)

News to share?
The deadline for the *July Pylon* is June 20.

BLESSING Box

Thank you for keeping it stocked with nonperishables! Please make sure the canned goods have a pop top lid as the homeless may not have access to a can opener. Also, as the weather is cold and often freezing, please do not bring carbonated beverages, perishable items, FRESH MEATS, or items in glass containers. Thank you!

FINANCES

March ended with a negative \$1,916, with \$16,000 cash in bank. First quarter of 2022 shows a positive \$11,600! All bills were paid on time and nothing out of the ordinary to report. Community Preschool was \$11,500 positive for March and \$2,100 positive for the year (August – March). There is a \$13,000 balance on their 1st Stabilization Grant and received the 2nd Grant of \$129,079. The Grants must be used by September 2023. We will take each month as it comes and pray for "little bumps" in the road, not mountains!!! Happy Spring!!



MARCH FINANCIALS

Income for budgeted expenses

Donations	12,709
Rental income	2,605
Fundraisers	
Initial offering	14
Foundation	
Scrip	(1,206)
Preschool/church	1,765
Preschool for custodian	1,310
Income for budgeted	17,197

Year to date income to expenses
11,669

Budgeted expenses

Program expenses	1,678
Building related	4,759
Office related	974
Staff expenses	11,871
Apportionments	653
<u>Finance & Fees</u>	<u>44</u>
Total Expenses	19,979

March operating income to expenses +/- 1,917

Unbudgeted Income, Special Funds

Missions	345
Special	375
Memorial Fund	50
Property Maintenance	1,640
Capital Campaign	640
Altar Flowers /Communion	48
Coffee Machine	85
Other Spec.	247
<u>Interest income</u>	
Total	3,430

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



YOU ARE INVITED TO ZOOM EVENING PRAYERS!

When: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 8:15PM

How to enter: through your computer, iPad, smartphone or landline phone

Please note that this zoom information is valid from February 28th – May 26th.

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Evening Prayers

Time: Feb 28, 2022 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, Mon, Tue, Thu, until May 24, 2022, 50 occurrence(s)

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

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZARD-mpqjwpGN21ujK7eDgLLM0rpxbY4bt/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsqDsqG9CSsxuORpwIBIlgc-vwiGZejY0PzQrvKHdWRgTaGs8SIKJnEuGE>

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