

# The Pylon

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



Pastor Esta Rosario

February 2022

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family and Friends of Woodmar,

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

We're a month into a new year, and discipleship is at the forefront of my mind. When we join a United Methodist Church, we profess our faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. We make known our desire to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. We covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church:

1. "To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
3. To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord;
4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries;
6. To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness;
7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments." (from *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, ¶217)

#6 stands out for me: "To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness." Another way to state this is that we covenant to be good stewards...we covenant to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. What does this look like when lived out in real life?

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**PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER EVERY DAY:**

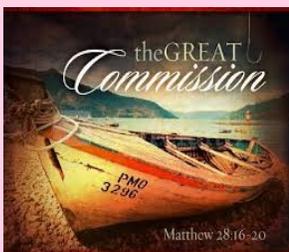
Holy Spirit, fill me and empower me for the work to which you have called me. Holy Spirit, fill Woodmar United Methodist Church and empower us for the work to which you have called us through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**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.**



A good steward/faithful disciple of Jesus....

- Makes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ his/her #1 priority
- Regularly seeks out God in prayer and devotion
- Reads and meditates on God's Word (God's love letter to us!)
- Faithfully attends (as physically able) opportunities for worship and praise
- Routinely shares with others what the Lord has done/is doing in their life
- Cheerfully gives a tithe of what the Lord has given
- Serves the poor, the hungry, the hurting, and the lost as if that person were Christ himself

This month, we are going to be reflecting on what it means to be good stewards in every aspect of our lives, and at the end of the month, we will all be invited to fill out a pledge card for 2022.

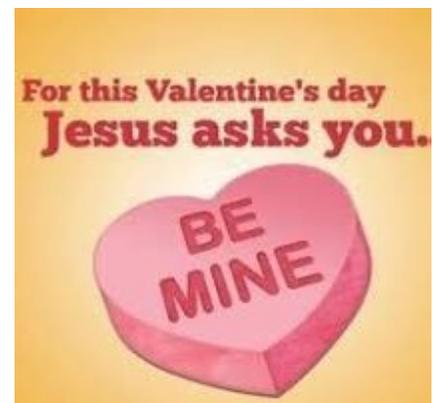
Too often, we think that stewardship is only about finances. That's simply not true, and I ask for your forgiveness if I have left that impression with any of you. I also ask your forgiveness for being reluctant to talk about the financial aspect of stewardship. The Holy Spirit has convicted my heart about that, because the truth is there is great joy in being extravagantly generous with the blessings the Lord has given to us.

Please join me in studying stewardship through the lens of Scripture on Mondays at 6:30PM via ZOOM beginning January 31<sup>st</sup> or on Tuesdays at 10AM via ZOOM beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. I am also happy to make these studies in-person... just contact me via calling/texting 219-669-4201 or emailing: erosario@woodmarumc.org, and we'll make it happen! I'm thankful to grow with you in our discipleship!

Living in the Grip of God's Grace,

♡ Pastor Esta

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## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### BIBLE BOOK CLUB – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 1PM

That's right! We started a Bible Book Club! Over the next year, we're going to read 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.

### LENT—ASH WEDNESDAY! DRIVE-THRU ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Due to the high positivity rate of COVID in Lake County, we will not be having in-person worship on Ash Wednesday. There will be an opportunity for you to receive ashes from 11:30AM – 1:30PM and 5:30 – 7PM. Please come to the preschool parking lot (corner of 173<sup>rd</sup> and Southeastern) and park in the spaces marked "ASHES." I will come to your vehicle with a mask on to read a short Scripture, impose the ashes, and say a prayer. Please know that every precaution is being taken to keep everyone safe.

If you are physically unable to come to the "Drive-Thru Ashes" and would like to receive ashes, please contact me via email: [erosario@woodmarumc.org](mailto:erosario@woodmarumc.org) or by calling/texting 219-669-4201. I will gladly arrange a time to come to your home to impose ashes. – Pastor Esta

### STEWARDSHIP STUDY

What does it mean to live a life of stewardship? Join our 4-week study and let's learn together!

Week One: Luke 5:1-11, *The Call*

Week Two: Psalm 1:1-3, *The Path*

Week Three: Genesis 45:3-11, *Trust God*

Week Four: Luke 9:28-36, *The Glory of God*

There will be two sessions each week:

Mondays at 6:30PM beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>

Tuesdays at 10AM beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>

I am willing to lead these studies in person as well as zoom. If you are interested in meeting in-person, please contact me via text/call 219-669-4201 or email: [erosario@woodmarumc.org](mailto:erosario@woodmarumc.org). If no one reaches out, these sessions will only be offered via zoom.



**COMMUNITY**  
Preschool & Childcare

## COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Children in our program are taught that each one is a beloved child of God, called and sent to make a difference in the world. Collectively, the children, families and staff are a beautifully diverse and joyful community.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke about the Beloved Community. According to the King Institute, the Beloved Community describes a society in which all are embraced and none are discriminated against. It is in this spirit of celebrating our Beloved Community that we are inviting each family to provide their child's class with something that visually represents their family. Perhaps the items may be photos, cultural art, clothing or music.

We look forward to sharing these family artifacts with the beloved community of Woodmar UMC. Our hope is to plan an event in the Spring that celebrates the beloved community of Woodmar UMC and Community Preschool and Childcare.

On President's Day, February 21, parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to discuss developmental progress. Children will not be in attendance that day.

We continue to follow COVID guidelines that are recommended by Indiana's Office of Early Childhood. The guidelines are posted on an info graph that was designed by Cynthia Prieto, a parent and Board member. We appreciate Cynthia's help in communicating the guidelines to parents during this time of increased spread of the virus. Protecting our unvaccinated young children is the priority.

### The Best Valentine is GOD

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16



## WOODMAR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

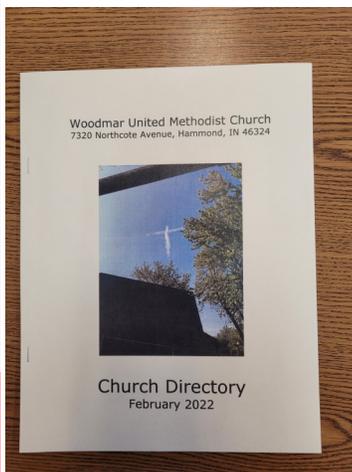
The United Methodist Women are meeting in person and on Zoom. Deborah Circle is meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 3PM in the church Narthex/lobby. However, Hannah Circle is meeting via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30AM. The UMW

board will continue to convene on the first Monday of the month on Zoom. Our president, Yvonne Jackson, urges us all to let God inspire us to do something good today - maybe just call a friend.

## DIRECTORIES

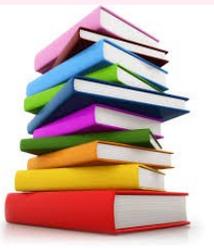
The 2022 directories are available in the Narthex/lobby to pick up. Please try to remember to do so when you are in church on Sunday morning or stop in Monday thru Friday from 10 to 1. If you need it mailed, please let us know.

News to  
share?  
The deadline  
for the  
*March  
Pylon*  
is  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.



## WOODMAR BOOK CLUB

### Woodmar Book Club



The next book club will meet via Zoom on Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1PM

The book for February is *State of Terror* by Louise Penny and Hillary Clinton

"*State of Terror* follows a novice Secretary of State who has joined the administration of her rival, a president inaugurated after four years of American leadership that shrank from the world stage. A series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, and the secretary is tasked with assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most.

This high-stakes thriller of international intrigue features behind-the-scenes global drama informed by details only an insider could know." ~from Amazon books.

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

This month's mission is UMCOR. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. "Early in and last out" is a guiding principle of UMCOR. Join UMCOR in giving our neighbors relief and helping them recover.

**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 12 noon at The Wheel. 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 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.

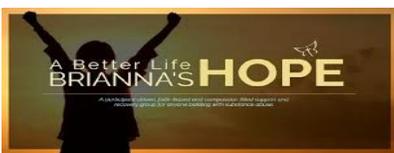


### WHAT'S UP, WOODMAR?

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!

### 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!



Brianna's Hope is back on Wednesdays at 6PM

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



It's February already! What to get that special person for Valentine's Day? Think Scrip! Please give your order to Nancy Jarmula! You may order on Sundays or drop an order off at the church office. 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 (njarmula@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions.

### February Birthdays

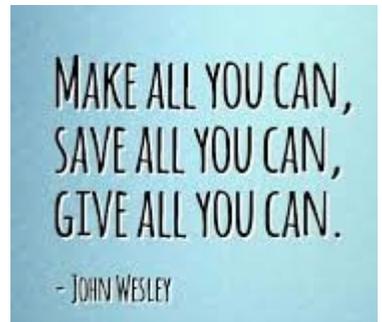
- 2/01 Sheila Kayes
- 2/03 Betty Barnhart
- 2/05 Ellen Johnson
- 2/14 Barbara Royal
- 2/16 Ervin Zaikis
- 2/21 Pam Salyers

### 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 or items in glass containers.** Thank you!

### FINANCES

Can you believe another year has passed?! Financially, we ended 2021 on a negative note. We had expenses over income of \$26,271.61. Our income was approximately \$40,000 under budget, which consisted of lower than anticipated rentals and pledges. We also asked Community Preschool for a \$5,000 donation in December to pay our current bills. Our expenses were under budget of \$4,000. Community Preschool ended December with expenses over income of \$7,878; They were closed for two weeks in December. What will 2022 bring?!



### YEAR END FINANCIALS

<u>Income for budgeted expenses</u>	
Donations	141,840
Rental income	9,462
Fundraisers	
Initial offering	67
Foundation	1,184
Scrip	646
Preschool/church	5,000
Preschool for custodian	15,720
Income for budgeted	173,919

**Year to date income to expenses (26,271)**

<u>Budgeted expenses</u>	
Program expenses	6,312
Building related	49,035
Office related	10,158
Staff expenses	142,604
Apportionments	8,056
Finance & Fees	1,051
Total Expenses	217,216
operating income to expenses +/-	(26,271)

**Please remember that during all of Covid, we received PPP loans from the Government totaling \$125,000!**

<u>Unbudgeted Income, Special Funds</u>	
Missions	4,537
Special	366
Literacy Program	850
Memorial Fund	1,600
Mortgage Fund	14,129
PPP	16,770
Camperships	137
Property Maintenance	9,891
Capital Campaign	30,810
Altar Flowers /Communion	720
Coffee machine	25
Interest income	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,846</b>

**HANGING OF THE GREENS  
NOV. 2021**



**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**



**MORE  
HANGING OF THE GREENS**



**TO REMEMBER THE FUN!**



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## YOU ARE INVITED TO ZOOM EVENING PRAYERS!

Esta Rosario is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Evening Prayers

Time: Every week on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, until Mar 1, 2022

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

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qf-6trz4rG9RcmLJBhFtsja5lKLUEAt1r/ics?](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qf-6trz4rG9RcmLJBhFtsja5lKLUEAt1r/ics?ic-)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89787515110?pwd=SmN5WHoxN3ZxT0VnZytweGpubUdtZz09LJKQJbRBfIPOMXPpITJf3x>

Join Zoom Meeting

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### *True Love*

For God so lo **V**ed the world,  
That He g **A**ve  
his on **L**y  
Begott **E**n  
So **N**  
**T**hat whosoever  
Believeth **I**n Him  
Should **N**ot perish,  
But have **E**verlasting life."  
**John 3:16**