

# Announcements & Community News

**August Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC:** *Brianna’s Hope*. Brianna’s Hope is a “participant driven, faith-based, and compassion filled support and recovery movement for those battling the battle with substance use disorder”.

**Messy Church** — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, August 26** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Woodmar UMC Community Center.

**Celebrating the Ministry of Woodmar United Methodist Church** - Following the special worship service for Woodmar United Methodist Church on **Sunday, August 24**, we will gather in the community center for a egg casserole brunch. We are looking for volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Celebrating the Ministry of First United Methodist Church**— Following the special worship service on **Sunday, August 31**, we will gather for a potluck meal at First United Methodist Church 6635 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN. We are looking for volunteers to help with the celebration, and a sign-up list will be available after worship.

**Praise Band** — Are you interested in using your musical gifts and talents, to serve the congregation. If so we have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Any questions about how you can serve, please feel free to reach out to Keith Benson or you may also contact the church office.

**Knit & Crochet** — The Thursday Knit & Crochet Group will be taking a short summer break for the month of August and will return on September 18. For questions, please reach out to the church office.

**United Women in Faith**—On **Monday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m.** at Woodmar UMC, the United Women in Faith will gather for a potluck. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share and join the fellowship. Then on Wednesday, September 17 at Noon both on zoom and in the lounge/library. UWFaith will then select dates and times for future meetings convenient for the majority of members.

*(For This Week Schedule & Prayer Concerns, please see your Bulletin Insert)*

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost



*Hammond First/Woodmar  
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.  
August 10, 2025*

Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome you and pray that you will be blessed in worship this morning. Please remember to send your joys and concerns to the office so we can continue to pray throughout the week. Online worship will be offered *via Zoom* and streamed *via YouTube*.

August 9, 2025 10:15 a.m. 9th Sunday after Pentecost

\*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.  
**People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
Leader: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.  
**People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
Leader: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.  
**People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
Leader: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.  
**People: By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn How Firm a Foundation UMH 529

Opening Prayer

Children’s Message Maureen Tedesco

Prayer Hymn Through It All UMH 507

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response Hear Us, O God UMH 490

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Leader: The Word of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon “Desire a Better Country” Pastor Jim

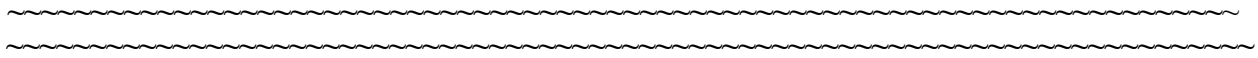
Reception of New Member, Joan Link

Offering our Gifts to God  
The Doxology UMH 95  
Prayer of Dedication

\* Closing Hymn I Know Whom I Have Believed UMH 714

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing



Bishop:	Rev. Tracy S. Malone	District Supt:	Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy
Assoc. D.S.:	Rev. Paul Arnold	Lay Leaders:	Nancy Craig & Pat Mosley
Worship Leader:	Joan Link	Accompanist:	David Bieschke
Greeter(s): Cathy Gonzalez & Suzanne Wasmund			
Usher(s): Irma Mora & Fran Vukovich			
Acolyte: RJ Heady			

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