

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.

Save the Date — Saturday, September 6 Northern Lakes District Rally with Bishop Malone. Bishop Tracy Malone will share a message during the worship experience of a Rally Day for the Northern Lakes District (formerly the North District). It will be at *Crown Point First UMC, 325 S. Main Street, Crown Point, beginning at 3:00 p.m.* Contact Pastor Jim, First Church Lay Leader Pat Mosley, or First Church Council Chair Jane Harper-Alport with assistance in obtaining transportation to the event. *See your August Newsletter for more details.*

Fall '25 Lay Servant Academy via Zoom— Living Our United Methodist Beliefs Led by Pastor Mary van Wijk Zoom Class through Hebron UMC, *Saturdays September 6, 13, 20, 27 9:00 am to 11:30 am (CT).* All participants must register by September 1 at this link <https://inumc.swoogo.com/NDLsaFall25>.

Fall '25 Lay Servant Academy— Introduction to Lay Ministry (for adults) - led by Pastor Sheri LoCascio, *Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, 28 2:00pm—5:00pm (CT)* Hebron United Methodist Church, 202 West Church Street, Hebron, Indiana. Discover and employ your personal spiritual gifts, learn the worth of servant leadership, and be rooted in good spiritual practices. This basic course is required for first-time attendees. Registration deadline September 7 at this link <https://inumc.swoogo.com/NDFall2025>. *For more details and other opportunities, please see your August Newsletter.*

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 an 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.

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost



*Hammond First/Woodmar
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.
August 17, 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*.

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*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...
People: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.
Leader: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...
People: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.
Leader: For the sake of the joy, we respond...
People: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God’s already-and-not-yet kingdom.
Leader: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...
People: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.
People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Opening Hymn For All the Saints UMH 711

Opening Prayer

Children’s Message Pat Mosley

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 80: 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

Sermon “For the Sake of Joy” Pastor Jim

Apostle’s Creed UMH 881

Lesser Thanksgiving

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

* Closing Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

The altar flowers in worship are **in memory of Mom, Anna Pontes’ birthday,**
given by Marcos Pontes.

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: Maureen Tedesco Accompanist: David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Cathy Gonzalez & Suzanne Wasmund

Usher(s): Irma Mora & Fran Vukovich

Acolyte: Bellamy Avina

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