

# Announcements & Community News

**July 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. If you are interested in helping plan the event, the **planning team will meet briefly after worship today, July 27**.

**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)*

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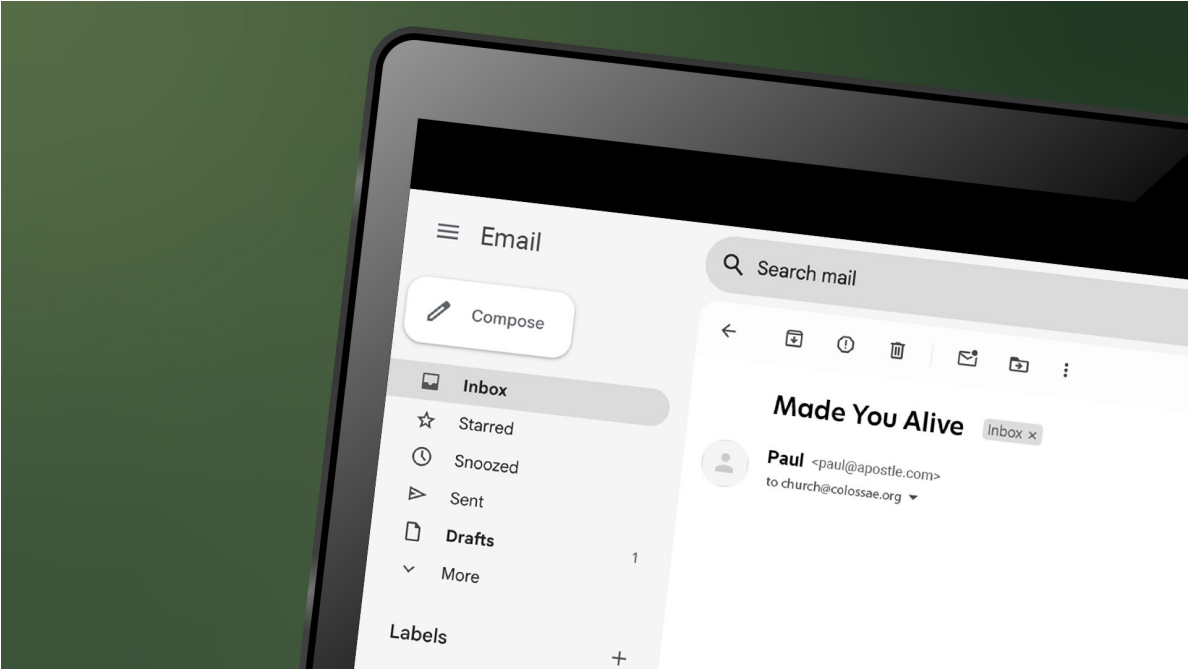
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*7th Sunday after Pentecost*



*Hammond First/Woodmar  
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.  
July 27, 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, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

People: Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.

Leader: When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

People: Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.

Leader: When things don't seem to work out as we imagined and when we do not get our way, remember:

People: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

People: Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

\* Opening HymnCome, Christians, Join to SingUMH 158

Opening Prayer

Children’s MessageCyndi Slaboski

Prayer HymnBe Thou My VisionUMH 451

Prayers of the People

Prayer ResponseHear Us, O GodUMH 490

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-19

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon“Made You Alive”Pastor Jim

Apostle’s CreedUMH 881

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering our Gifts to God  
The DoxologyUMH 95  
Prayer of Dedication

\* Closing HymnLead On, O Cloud of PresenceTFWS 2234

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

The altar flowers in worship are in memory of my Daughter Barbara Kayes-Prohl, given by Sheila Kayes.

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: Marcos Pontes Accompanist: David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Irma Mora

Usher: Jackie Lewis

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

The pastor may be reached through the office, and, when needed, via cell phone.  
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