

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell

## Tele-Christian ~ August 2018 Edition

**The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

### **Words for the Journey.....**

As the days of summer are drawing to a close, so is our summer worship schedule. When August turns into September, we will begin our fall worship adventure.

Starting on Sunday, September 2, we will host a worship service at 8:00 am in our sanctuary. We will also host a service at 10:30 am in our sanctuary. Both of these services will have similar hymns and other music to enhance our worship.

In addition, the choir will generally sing at the 10:30 service. They will also plan to sing one Sunday a month at our 8:00 service. The bell choir will provide music one Sunday a month at the 10:30 service. The praise band will enhance the musical experience one Sunday a month at the 10:30 service.

Following the children's message at the 10:30 service, the children will be invited to our Fellowship Hall for a time of Junior Church. This will be a time of singing and learning.

Other than these minor differences, the two services will be similar in nature and in style. I believe that if a family chose to experience the 8:00 service for two Sundays a month, and they explored the 10:30 service for the other two Sundays, they would see very little difference in the two worship experiences. There will be minor differences. I don't think these will distract from the overall worship time.

Between these two worship services will be a time for learning for all ages. We will have small group learning experiences for children and adults starting at 9:15 am. This teaching time will generally run from 9:15 to 10:00 each Sunday morning. This will give the choir time to assemble before the worship service. This will give the ushers time to get into place to greet our guests. If a family doesn't have a task at 10:00, they are welcome to continue their class discussion until the class leader calls them to a close. This teaching time will begin Sunday, September 9. The worship time change will take place on September 2.

For those with many demands upon their Sunday time, we believe the 8:00 service will host a worship opportunity with friends. I have dreams that this service will generally end by 9:00 in the morning. It will serve the needs of those who enjoy starting their day early in the morning.

For those who are a little more laid-back about their Sunday experience, the 10:30 service will not require the family to be moving as quickly. We will make every effort to be concluded by 11:30.

For those who want to explore their faith a little more deeply in a small-group experience, we will offer small group times starting at 9:15. There will be sessions for children up to grade 5. There will be a session for youth in grades 6 to 12. There will be at least three class options for adults. Those who enjoy the early service will be able to enjoy this learning time. Those who prefer the later worship time can come early for the educational experience.

Come, worship, learn and grow with us as we enjoy our fall worship schedule:

8:00 to 9:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

9:15 to 10:00 Educational Opportunities throughout the building

10:30 to 11:30 Worship in the Sanctuary

***Pastor Rick***

**August Sunday Sermon and Scripture Schedule**

**August 5 ~ Communion Sunday**

Scripture ~ James 5:13-20

Sermon Title ~ *'God Works Through Us'*

**August 12 ~**

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon Title ~ *'Standing on Stones'*

**August 19 ~**

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 2:11-17

Sermon Title ~ *'Respect through Honor'*

**August 26 ~**

Scripture ~ Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Title ~ *'Fishing for People'*



**\*\*\* Important WORSHIP Information \*\*\***

**AUGUST** Worship Schedule

**8:00** at Evergreen Park    **\*The LAST park service will be AUGUST 26**

**10:00** Traditional service in the sanctuary

Bread for Life—Thursdays at 5:30

**SEPTEMBER** Worship Schedule

**8:00 & 10:30** in the sanctuary

**9:15** Sunday School for all ages will begin on **Sept. 9**

Bread for Life – Thursdays at 5:30

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*Jesus said "I am the light of the world."  
John 8:12*

Have you ever wondered why we light candles during worship? The presence of light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community. The two candles on the altar point out that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere and symbolizes the light of Jesus going out into the world, where we believers are to share the light. How do you share the light of Christ?

Charlene Grant, Worship Chairperson

**Below is a list of the members of the congregation who will be participating in various aspects of worship during the month of August:**

- August 5:** Greeters: Bev Johnson, Carol Olson, Marie Woolfolk, Martha Farney, Amy Nichols  
Ushers: 8:00: Lynn Bochart 10:00: Elaine DeVine & Dennis Olson  
Liturgist: 8:00: Deb Kelley 10:00: Bev Kussy  
Children's Time: Paige Corning
- August 12:** Greeters: Linda Snell, Maryrose Lynch, Darion Kidwell, Jackie Mansfield  
Ushers: 8:00: Don Bales 10:00: Sharon Sanders & Tom Stoner  
Liturgist: 8:00: Lynn Bochart 10:00: Kathie Stoner  
Children's Time: Becky Crabb
- August 19:** Greeters: Kathy Nelson, Gisela Peterson, Jenny Nichols, Phyllis Moser  
Ushers: 8:00: Charlie Haberlin 10:00: David Perry & Dennis Olson  
Liturgist: 8:00: Lynne Haberlin 10:00: Tom Stoner  
Children's Time: Kathie Stoner
- August 26:** Greeters: Anita Childress, Amy Nichols, Sandy Villa, Nina Wilson, Dennis Olson  
Ushers: 8:00: Luan Brown 10:00: David Perry, Scott Beier  
Liturgist: 8:00: Don Bales 10:00: Ellen Rosengard  
Children's Time: Denise Smith



**Thursday BRD4Life Dinner/Worship Service (Bread for Life)**

Our mid-week service, Bread for Life, offers an informal experience that will nourish both your body and your spirit.  
Dinner begins at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and worship starts at 6:15.  
**Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!**

Below are the speakers, themes, and cooks for the month of **August**:

**August 9** ~ Speaker: Pastor Rick Cook: Tracy Seitzinger  
Theme: *'National Book Lovers Day'*

**August 16** ~ Speaker: Rick Bachman Cook: Sam Conley  
Theme: *'National Tell a Joke Day'*

**August 23** ~ Speaker: Peggy Hendricks Cook: Kevin Corie  
Theme: *'International Pirate Month'*

**August 30** ~ Speaker: Darion Kidwell Cook: Kim McGinley  
Theme: *'National Bacon Day'*

## **Sunday School for All Ages Starts at 9:15 on September 9**

***Here are the opportunities we are offering you & your family...***

### For Children ages 4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our Children's Director, Paige Corning, is busy preparing an exciting new curriculum! There will be two Sunday School classes, one for children age 4-Grade 2 and one for Grades 3-5. These classes will meet downstairs on the lower (Fellowship Hall) level. A children's sermon will be offered during the 10:30 worship service. Following the children's sermon, the children will go downstairs to practice the "Sonshine Singers" songs and learn Bible stories related to the songs. All children are invited to join in!

### For Youth in Grades 6 – 12

The youth will meet upstairs on the top level in room 303 with Cheryl Jones for a time of learning and discussion. They will learn basic truths from the Bible that apply to their everyday lives and talk about how their week unfolded. They will learn in a fun environment.

### For Adults of all ages

Three discussion groups will be taking place on the third (top) floor. Most studies are short term (4-8 weeks). You do not have to "join a class": You are free to move between the groups throughout the year to be able to participate in the studies that interest you the most.

## ***Here is information on the adult studies opportunities starting Sept. 9:***

### From Al Martin (Wings discussion group, room 300):

We all carry guilt and shame - it drags us down and prevents us from enjoying life to the fullest. This six-session study - *The Forgiveness of Jesus* - offers a deeper understanding of the reason Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross. Jesus came to redeem us, to set us free from sin and shame, and to allow us to move towards freedom through forgiveness. As we meet six people that Jesus met and set free, we will be transformed by knowing the power of God's love.

The six-part DVD is written and taught by six Biblical experts - six professors of theology with specialized areas of knowledge. It is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of God's word, and to apply it faithfully to your own life.

Everyone is invited to join us - starting on September 9 - for this exciting experience as we explore and really feel the forgiveness of Jesus in a meaningful way.

From Don Bales (FRIENDS discussion group, room 304):

We will begin the September season with a study authored by Max Lucado. The title of the study will be "Finding Calm in a Chaotic World." We will take a look at seven admonitions from the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4-8 that lead to one wonderful promise; "The peace of God which surpasses all understanding." Max will show us how God is ready to give comfort to help us face the calamities in life, view the bad news through the lens of sovereignty, discern the challenges of Satan, and tell ourselves the truth. We can discover this through true peace from God that surpasses all human understanding.

Be sure to know that one does not need to be at all sessions in order to join the study group. An invitation is open to all and all times.

From David Schoon (F.O.M. discussion group, room 301):

The Fishers of Men (F.O.M.) class meets every week throughout the entire year. We are scheduled to finish our study of the Gospel of Matthew on August 19, and will start our study of the Book of Esther on August 26. We will continue to have our class after the 10 o'clock service during August and move to the new schedule in September.

***During our Sunday School time we are also offering...***

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers Age 1-3

Childcare will be available in the Nursery on the sanctuary level during Sunday School, as well as during worship services. Parents wishing to attend a study group, or to assist with the children's or youth classes, can do so knowing their young child is being well-cared for.



Martha's Coffee House

Our library will be open with coffee, hot water for tea, lemonade and baked treats from the time the 8:00 service ends (approximately 9:00) until the start of the 10:30 service. It will not be open after the 10:30 service. Those attending Sunday School can stop in before or after their class. Volunteers will be needed to host this fellowship time. Hosts do not have to remain in the library; they are encouraged to attend a discussion group.



## Fall Spiritual Retreat

On Friday, September 21, members of our church family will be traveling one hour east to Lindenwood Retreat Center (Donaldson, Indiana) for a spiritual getaway. More than half of the double occupancy rooms have been spoken for, but there is still room left for you. If God has been giving you a nudge, act upon it and take the plunge! An enlightening experience awaits you.

There will be three sessions (Friday and Saturday), facilitated by Al Martin, based on the book, The Last Arrow, by Erwin McManus. There will be time for introspection and personal reflection as you walk the labyrinth or the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Highlights will include a campfire by the lake and a culminating worship service (Saturday 3:00 p.m.) in the majestic Ancilla Domini Chapel.

Our church has generously agreed to subsidize this endeavor, so the cost to you is only \$25.00! That includes one night's lodging, breakfast, lunch, and rental of the meeting room. We will each bring either a snack (salty or sweet) or a 2 liter bottle of soda pop to share.

Sign up in the church office by September 1. If you pay by check, write "retreat" on the memo line. If you have any questions, call, text or e-mail Patrice Martin, 689-4518 or [patriceannmartin@gmail.com](mailto:patriceannmartin@gmail.com)



## Ringling to God's Glory

Lowell First United Methodist Church is blessed to have a bell choir that participates in morning worship once a month from September through May. The bell choir plays on the second Sunday of the month. Godsbells play a variety of musical genres from country to classical. The group supports each other spiritually and prays together weekly. Rehearsals take place in the balcony (third floor) on Thursdays at 4:30. Practices will begin Aug. 23. New bell ringers and permanent substitutes are needed! Come be a part of this musical offering!!

Patrice Martin, Director



## FREE MOVIE NIGHT

This month's movie night will be on Friday, August 10, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be showing the movie 'The Young Messiah'. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

From Congregational Care

### Calling All College Students!

Are you a college student? Are you sending someone to college? Do you know a college student? Our church has a college ministry. Its purpose is to keep college students connected to a church family and to let them know they are being prayed for.

**You** can be a part of this ministry:

Send the name, college address and other contact information of the college student to the church office.

Contact Trudy Corning at 219-552-0032 or the church office if you would like to send cards, care packages or other correspondence to our college students.

Pray for our college students, their families and this ministry.

### 'ASK Prayer' Has Us Covered

Another ministry overseen by Congregational Care is the "ASK Prayer" program. Under this program every family of our church is specifically prayed for during one 3-month period of the year. A team of over 30 individuals serve as the PRAYers for this program. Four times a year these individuals receive the names of 2 or more families to pray for. The PRAYER contacts their families by mail or phone to ASK if there are specific prayer concerns. At any time during the 3-month period, the family may contact their personal PRAYER to ASK for specific prayers. At the end of the 3-month period, the PRAYers receive new names of church families to pray for.

If you have questions, or would like to join the ASK Prayer team as a PRAYER, contact Ethel Devine at 219-616-6676.



Thank you for the dinners for our family during the two weeks of my brain radiation treatments. The meals are such a blessing. We appreciate the help so much!

Lisa and Bill Leep



**COMING SOON..... A new pictorial directory of our church family!!**  
**Photos will be taken in September. The new directories will be here before the holidays. Watch for details in the coming weeks!**



## **Stewardship – A Faithful Responsibility**

Tom Stoner, Finance

As summer is continuing on and the start of school looms right around the corner, we are about to embark upon another stewardship season. It is important for our congregation to understand the fundamental principles of stewardship.

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” ~  
Psalm 24

“Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth” ~Deuteronomy 8:18

In preparation of building your personal calendars here are a few dates and activities that will occur during the Stewardship program. The following is an outline of proposed activities for our 2018 Stewardship Program.

September	Tele-Christian article
September	Letters sent to the congregation
September 30	Stewardship moment
October	Tele-Christian article
October 1	Budget requests due from committee chairs
October 4	Stewardship moment
October 7	Stewardship moment
October 11	Stewardship moment
October 14	Commitment Service (Pledge cards due)
October 17	Commitment Service (Pledge cards due)
November	Reconcile budget requests with Stewardship Submissions
December	Adopt 2019 budget

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday** - *Worship* ~ 8 a.m. (at Evergreen Park) and 10:00 a.m. (in sanctuary)

*Adult Sunday School* ~ F.O.M., 11:00 a.m. (rm. 301)

**Monday** - A/A 12 p.m. (rm. 300), Guitar 6 p.m. (rm. 303)

**Tuesday** - Household Pantry 9-12 and 5-6 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)

**Wednesday** - Weight Watchers 6 p.m. (rm. 300), A/A - 8 p.m. (basement), Al/Anon - 8 p.m. (library)

**Thursday** - *BRD4life* dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

			1 UMW Executive Meeting 4:30 pm (301)	2	3	4
5	6 Staff/Parish 6pm	7 Children's Council 7pm	8	9	10 Movie Night 6pm 'The Young Messiah'	11
12	13 Susanna Wesley 7pm (library)	14 Missions meeting 7pm (library)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Congregational Care 6:30pm (301)	22	23	24	25 Game Night 5:30 p.m. (basement)
26 Last park service	27 LUMC Meeting 5 p.m. (library)	28 Alzheimer Support Group 6pm (library)	29 Music Committee Meeting 6:30pm	30 Chancel Choir practice starts 7pm (sanctuary)	31	