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JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Pictures from the Garden Quilt Tour that took place on Thursday, June 15 in Middlebury with the Smock Senior Ministries Program. A great time was had by everyone that attended.
"Special Thanks" to Emily Heymann for volunteering to drive the bus!**



FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters –

I wonder if every generation looks around and proclaims that it is living in challenging times. That is certainly our experience! That being said, it does seem that we're living through an incredible degree of change. I've written about this before, but this month I wanted to tell you about a conversation I had.

Someone I was speaking with asked if I thought we were entering the time of tribulation mentioned in the book of Revelation. This person shared with me what they thought were signs of the end times and was truly concerned that those prophecies were taking place right in front of us. This person was asking for guidance about how to faithfully live during these unpredictable times. My response was that I didn't know if we were entering the end and that such things were "beyond my pay grade." I don't know if those reading this believe we're in the end times, but I think there's a more important question. What difference does it make in your life?

I hope that if you think the end times are upon us it inspires you to love like Jesus. What does that mean? The prophet Micah says that God asks us to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." We know the greatest commandment to love God and neighbor. We know this stuff, and we try our best, but we should try even harder if we think Jesus' return is imminent.

Actually, we should always be trying harder to live out the foundations of our faith and love like Jesus – regardless of when we think he is returning. Our response to God's gift of Jesus should always be striving to be more loving, caring, and inviting. With things falling apart around us, we can cling to the truths of our faith: justice, mercy, humility, and love. And that truth encourages us to care for the widow and orphan while we welcome the outsider and love even our enemies to the extent that we put them before ourselves.

Shalom,

Pastor David





Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 2 when we will be treated to music by Main Street Porch Band. The band consists of Auburn residents Tim and Sharon McEntee, who've been married and playing music together for more than three decades. Tim plays keys, accordion, and harmonica. Sharon plays guitar and mandolin. Both sing, with Sharon on lead vocals and Tim adding harmonies. Additionally, Sharon writes songs that are faith-focused. As Main Street Porch Band, they have recorded several of her originals, which are available on Spotify, iTunes, and other streaming services. Tim and Sharon share their music regularly at area churches. Outside of church, when performing in local restaurants, coffee houses, and at special events, Main Street Porch Band plays folk, rock, and country songs from the 1960s onward. The audience is encouraged to sing along!

PICNIC ON JULY 2nd FOLLOWING WORSHIP



There will be a picnic lunch after the service on Sunday July 2nd. We will be joined by members of The Gathering. Bring a chair and your appetite and join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, and desserts in the Biblical Garden.

The office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Friends' Table will also be closed on Monday, July 3rd.



BOY SCOUT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY FOR AIDAN SMITH



The Smith Family and Boy Scout Troop 169 cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony to recognize Aidan Smith.

Location: Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum (At the desk, tell them you're there for the Eagle Ceremony)

Date: Sunday July 23rd

Time: 2pm



UPCOMING SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES PROGRAMS FOR NE INDIANA CLUSTER:



**Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts - Warsaw, IN.
2515 E. Center Street Warsaw, IN 46580**

The Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry of NE Indiana would like to invite you to a theatre outing on Thursday, July 20th at 2:00 p.m. to see *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Wagon Wheel Theatre in Warsaw. Following the performance, the group will enjoy a wonderful dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant in Winona Lake. The cost for the theatre and dinner is \$25.00. Please sign up today by calling the church office so we can plan for a great afternoon together!



The first musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be produced for the professional stage, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has wowed audiences for over 40 years. A timeless work, the rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, *Superstar* follows the last week of Jesus Christ's life. The story, told entirely through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire.

The iconic 1970s rock score contains such well-known numbers as "Superstar," "I Don't Know How to Love Him" and "Gethsemane." A true global phenomenon, *Superstar* continues to touch new generations of audiences and performers.

This will be the Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre's first opportunity to present *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Every performer and theatre artist has a bucket list of shows they want to work on and *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a bucket list show for Scott Michaels, Artistic Director.



The NE Indiana Smock Senior Adult Cluster Ministry would like to invite you to enjoy a cruise down the rivers of Fort Wayne on the Sweet Breeze, a 54-foot-long replica of an 1840's style canal boat. Lunch will be provided.

When: Thursday, August 10 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

Where: Promenade Park, West Superior St., Fort Wayne

Cost: \$10/per person, limit 30 people total, which is 5 per church.

*Reservations Required...sign up by
Sunday, July 23rd!*

