

# Announcements & Community News

**September Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC:** Indiana coalition to end sexual assault and human Trafficking, located at 931 E. 86th. Street Suite 215, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

**Messy Church:** The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, September 23** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC Community Center.

**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. *Leading Public Prayer*, led by Pastor Jim Denton. Registration deadline September 7 at this link <https://inumc.swoogo.com/NDFall2025>. *For more details and other opportunities, please see your August Newsletter.*

**Church Picnic Planning Meeting:** On **Sunday, September 7**, there will be an all church picnic planning meeting after worship in the library. *All are welcome.*

**Hope UMC Community Church Picnic:** On **Sunday, September 14 at 12:00 pm**, there will be a church community picnic for kids and adults. *Come join us for food, games, activities, music and more. All are welcome.*

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

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And make sure you visit the draft website: [fwum.org/](http://fwum.org/)



## Hope United Methodist Church

Worship 10:15 a.m. - September 7, 2025

Pastor Jim Denton - (219) 281-1054  
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# Hope United Methodist Church

We welcome you and pray that today’s worship brings you blessing and peace. Please take a moment to fill out your joys and concerns early so they can be lifted up during prayer time and remembered in prayer throughout the week.

*\*Please stand, as you are comfortable*

## Welcome and Community Life

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Leader: Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

**People: Wherever we go, God knows our name.**

Leader: Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

**People: Whatever we do, God knows our name.**

Leader: However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

**People: However we live, God knows our name.**

Leader: We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

**People: We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!**

**\* Opening Hymn - *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*** UMH 383

**Opening Prayer** Joan Link

**Children’s Message** Pastor Jim

**Prayer Hymn - *Take My Life, and Let It Be*** UMH 399

### Prayers of the People

**Prayer Response—*Hear Us, O God*** UMH 490

**Choral Anthem - *My Lord, What A Morning*** Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Illumination** Joan Link

### Scripture Reading

*Psalm 139:1-8,13-18*  
*Luke 14:25-33*

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon - “*God Knows My Name*”** Pastor Jim

### Holy Communion

Confession & Pardon  
The Peace  
Great Thanksgiving

### Offering our Gifts to God

\* The Doxology (UMH 95)  
Prayer of Dedication

**\* Closing Hymn - *Forth in Thy Name*** UMH 438

**\* 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):** Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

**Usher(s):** Jackie Lewis

**Acolyte:** Georgia Heady

The altar flowers in worship are in honor of Pete & Fran’s Anniversary, given by Pete and Fran Vukovich