



# West Point United Methodist Church

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Matthew 5:14

As I approach my fifty third birthday, I’ve decided I grew up at a really good time. Astronauts were my heroes and one of my first memories is of John Glenn circling the earth in the Mercury capsule. My first experience with the concept of bad things happening to good people came in January of 1967 when Indiana’s own Gus Grissom, along with Ed White and Roger Chaffee perished in a fire preparing for Apollo 1. I was inching my way towards adolescence when Neil Armstrong took that “one small step for man” and was well into it when James Lovell said: “Houston, we have a problem.” Looking back on it, that was an exciting time in the history of our country and it was pretty cool to be living in it. But one of the things I remember most vividly about those trips to the moon is the times the command module would have to make a course correction on the way to the moon. Those corrections might be ever so slight but they were vitally necessary because of the vastness of the distance between the earth and the moon. The vastness of that distance meant that a slight, uncorrected error early on in the mission was the difference between arriving when and where you were supposed to and being literally thousands of miles off target. Moreover, the longer the correction was postponed, the more significant and pronounced the error would become over time; and the effort it would take to correct would become exponentially greater. The lesson: a slight correction early, while the error was still small, was a whole lot better than a massive correction later when the error becomes immense.

Just as the late sixties and early seventies were a great time in the history of our country, and a great time in my life, we here at West Point UMC are in an incredibly exciting time in our history as well. And I don’t think it’s too small a thing to say that what we are doing in the building of a new church is every bit as massive an undertaking, on a vastly smaller scale of course, as the Apollo missions were to us as a nation. Having said that, it is obvious that we must make the necessary course corrections in our mission early, rather than later as well and for the exact same reasons. And folks, it’s time to make a slight course correction in the trajectory of our mission. At our last administrative counsel meeting, Rick Snider shared something that God had laid on his heart via a power point presentation. Many of you have seen this presentation and were as captured by the power of that presentation as I was. Rick shared that over the last several months, in the process of changing to a much healthier lifestyle, he would walk several evenings a week and as he would walk, he would pray and talk to God. Growing up in West Point, Rick says there was a time when he knew just about everybody in town. But over the course of his evening excursions, he began to notice that there were a significant

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Charge Conference @ West Point UMC 7:00 PM</i>	3 Bible Study 9:00 AM	4 <i>Prayer Coach bible study 7:00 PM</i>	5	6
7 <i>Smorgasbord 4:00 to 7:00 PM</i> 	8	9 <i>Administrative counsel 7:00 PM</i>	10 Bible Study 9:00 AM United Methodist Women 7:00 PM  7:08	11 <i>Prayer Coach bible study 7:00 PM</i> 	12	13
14	15	16 Women's bible Study 7:00 PM	17 Bible Study 9:00 AM  Little Beavers 4:30—6:00 PM  7:08	18 <i>Serving at Attica UMC 4:00 to 7:30 PM</i>	19	20
21 	22	23 Women's bible Study 7:00 PM	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	26	27
28 	29	30 Women's bible Study 7:00 PM				

**SERMONS & SCRIPTURE  
LESSONS**

**November 7**

- Sermon Series on Why Church Concludes
- 22nd Sunday of Pentecost
- Holy Communion
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM

2 Timothy 1:1-14 & Lamentations 1:1-6. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Reason Four: Mentors."

**November 14**

- 23rd Sunday of Pentecost
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM

Romans 8:28-31 & Romans 8:37-39. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "More Than Conquerors."

**November 21**

- Christ the King Sunday
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM

Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Luke 1:68-79. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Lost."

**November 28**

- 1st Sunday of Advent
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM

Isaiah 2:1-5 & Psalm 122. Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Seeking Hope."

**November Birthdays  
Adults**

Jay Blessing	Nov. 3
Jeff Smith	Nov. 4
Roy Bilyeu	Nov. 8
Bob Kerber	Nov. 9
Tom Kruger	
Wendy Sumner	Nov. 14
Bob Vester	Nov. 16
Len Fouts	Nov. 19
Larry Pearson	Nov. 20
Jay Ritter	Nov. 22
Ronda Smith	Nov. 28

**Bible Verse of the Month**

Isaiah 2:4

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation and they will study war no more.

**Prayer Concerns**

Connie Burke, Joyce Hubbard, Sharon & Tom Hughel, Helen Nice, Eric Elming, Jim Deckerd, Stephanie Cart Whitmore, Harold Bollinger, Len & Jeri Fouts, Krystal West (Friend of Robin Leuck's) Frosty & Mamie Richardson, Pat Maxwell, Kenny Freeland, Jane Fifer, Dick Swank, Linda Bilyeu, Shay Meihls, Paul Wimmer, (Ronda Smith's uncle) Roy Bilyeu, Joyce Ross, Sharon Johnson, (Bev Matthews' sister-in-law) Mike Shell, Maureen Gray, Bob Inman, (Friend of Pastor Jeff's) Jack Mellon (Kim Emerick's dad) Twila Zachmeier, Doug Ford (Pam Katter's brother) Sandy Snider, and Heather and her baby (acquaintances of Delite Ritter)

The family and friend of Doc Green on his recent passing.  
The family and friends of Kathy Jarvinen on her recent passing.

All our men and women in uniform, particularly Cody Hamilton, John MacIntosh, Rob Gaither, John Barton and Jeremy Ritter, especially those serving in harm's way.



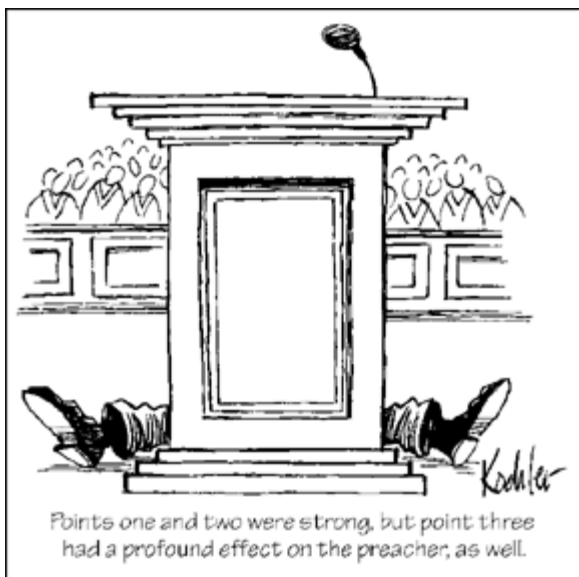
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a number of houses in West Point where he did not know the folks who lived there. And if Rick doesn't know them, we as a church don't know them either. That was his point, and I think, God's point to us through him. Rick's concluding remarks were pretty simple and pretty direct: “How is the community going to know that we care about them if we build a building that will cost a million plus dollars, but we don't know their names?” There is not a doubt in my mind that God has spoken to us through Rick. And what God appears to be saying is “as it stands, you are not ready.” So what does this mean for us? Well, the course correction for us is pretty simple really, but also pretty critical. We are going to go ahead with our building project because it remains, and always will be, a priority. But here's the course correction: it's a distant second to our priority of engaging the community and being salt in the world. In practical terms, we are coming up both with systematic ways in which we can reach our community in general and the newcomers in particular. Secondly we are just trying to be more intentional about being a visible presence where folks see us as individuals and as the church. There is a lot for all of us to do in this. Join us won't you?

Blessings, Pastor Jeff

### Kid's say the darndest things



A Sunday School teacher was testing her class of five year olds to see if they understood the concept of going to heaven. She asked them: “If I sold my house and my car and I had a huge garage sale and sold everything I owned then gave the money to the church, would I go to heaven?”

“No!” They all answered in unison.

If I cleaned the church everyday and kept everything nice and tidy and I mowed the church yard in the summer and shoveled the snow in the winter, would that get me into heaven?

“NO!” The kids cried out once more. By now, the teacher was beginning to smile and thought: “this is a piece of cake.”

Well then, if I was kind to all the animals and gave candy to all the children and loved my husband with all my might, would that get me into heaven?”

Predictably, they once again answered: “NO!”

By now, the teacher was bursting with pride in them and she asked: “Well then, how can I get into heaven?”

One five year old looked at her as if she had lost her mind and said: “Ya gotta be dead!”

## How things stand with our new property: Faith to Build



We make a slight course correction in our trajectory towards building a new church. We are still planning on the bricks and mortar of the building itself and we are still working on timing. But we have determined that we need to be very careful about not getting to far out in front of God. What has driven, and continues to drive this project is the desire on the part of West Point UMC to serve the West Point community. The course correction then revolves around making sure that we are serving the community and meeting their needs first, (that's the priority) and that the bricks and mortar, as important as that is, comes second. Please continue to pray about God's leading in all of this my friends.

Blessings my friends. Pastor Jeff

## United Methodist Women

**Wednesday November 10th is our annual Thanksgiving "pig-out" meeting. We will have our Thanksgiving meal for the UMW and their families and if you could, please bring a covered dish. Meat, dressing, rolls and drinks will be provided. Festivities start at 6:30 PM. Look forward to seeing you there.**

**Heads up also for our December meeting. We will be preparing for our "Baby Shower for Jesus" event for the Baby Corner at the community Health Center. Some items to consider bringing are as follows: disposable diapers of all sizes, socks, wet wipes, lotion, and the various other things that babies need. Anyone in the church is welcome to contribute to this worthy cause.**

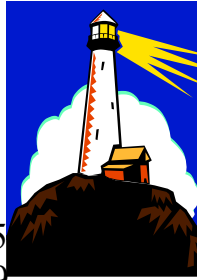


West Point UMC is proud to assist the Indiana Blood Center in overcoming a pronounced shortage of blood supplies in Central Indiana. We will have a blood drive at the fire station on December 20th. Further details to be announced.



## November Birthdays

Kendal Ritter	Nov. 1
Melia Bilyeu	Nov. 2
Lilly Bridges	Nov. 15
Sarah Goans	Nov. 29



**If we missed anybody, please accept our apologies and let Pastor Jeff know so we can update our records!**

## Little Beamers!!!

Little Beamers meets this month on November 17th. If you are an adult and wish to volunteer to help us out, please see Pam Katter or Pastor Jeff

## Hey Light House;

As we round the corner into November, we have much to be thankful for. Please remember to tell God thanks not just on Turkey day, but everyday.

On November 3rd Pastor Jeff will ask you to help him finish his sermon series on "Why church?" or more specifically, why is church important to you? Why do you think others should attend church?

November 10th and 17th we will follow up with what happens to David and Bathsheba and after their affair.

There will be no 708 on November 24th because of Thanksgiving.

**November 20th** We will meet that Saturday morning at St. Thomas, on the campus of Purdue University joining the Wesley Foundation kids at 8:00 AM. After having breakfast with them, we will go out to assist elderly folks with winterizing their houses.



## West Point United Methodist Church Smorgasbord & Bazaar

Sunday, November 7;  
4:00 –7:00 PM



It's that time again!!! The church will be having its annual smorgasbord with the dinner starting at 4:00 on Sunday, November 7. The proceeds from the dinner go into the Trustees account for the upkeep of our beautiful church building. The baked goods and crafts bazaar, which will be ongoing all throughout the meal, offers a wide variety of items to delight the eye and the taste buds. The proceeds from the bazaar go to the West Point United Methodist Women so that they can continue to do all the things they do to serve our youth, our church and our community.

\$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (6-12 years) children under six: No Charge.

**Be sure and check out the chicken and noodles, the ham and roast beef; the veggies and the fried chicken and the desserts that are to die for!!!!**

### *Fall Women's Bible Study*

*Continuing to meet on Tuesdays at 7:00. In November, our meetings will be limited because of charge conference and administrative counsel which will meet on our regularly scheduled nights. See your calendar for details. In the meantime, We are well along the process of Beth Moore's Get to know Jesus, the One and Only bible study. This 11-week, in-depth, interactive study is life transformational. We will learn how it felt to walk the dusty roads of the Holy Land with the incarnate son of God and what it was like to know him personally. Encourage a friend to join us!*

### *Ongoing Bible Studies*

*The Prayer Coach bible study is well into this exciting adventure. We will once again interrupt our study on Thursday November 18th in order to serve dinner at Attica UMC's community dinner and will do so again in December. Part of what we are learning is that it is important to put some skin on the love of Jesus. On those other Thursdays, we are learning a lot about how to pray.*

*The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group has recently concluded Dr. Jim Moore's "God Can Do Much With Our Little." We will begin studying Leselie Weatherhead's The Will of God beginning on November 4th.*

## Our Vision Statement

We envision the West Point United Methodist Church to be the focal point of our community and to be a welcoming church reaching out to everyone; offering all the opportunity to know and serve God; providing fellowship; offering spiritual leadership; and teaching the Word of God.

**For more information about West Point UMC, contact us at 765-572-2256, or  
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Www.westpointunitedmethodist.org**

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Traditional Worship	9:30 AM
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