

**Auburn Presbyterian Church**  
**111 West 12th St.**  
**Auburn, IN 46706**  
**Rev. Dr. David Lawrence**



## **OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**



### **HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

USHERS: 6: Phil Bryan, Joe Dick  
13: Mark Bassett and Susan Buttermore  
20: Teresa Ewing and Judy Ditmars  
27: Lisa & Jason Magsamen

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Joanne Aiken, Stan & Mary Wilson, Flo Webb, Rachel & Jim Roberts

LITURGIST: Marjorie Reinsch

COMMUNION PREPARERS: Polly Bassett, Elaine LeFever,

**World Communion Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 6.**

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY -  
OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
TO HEAR THE BRASS CHORDS PLAY  
DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

(picture taken in 2023)  
**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Brothers and Sisters-

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-There is a book by Joyce Meyer called *The Power of Thank You*. I'm not a fan of Ms. Meyer, but the title of this book really resonates with me. The power of those two little words is amazing! The words thank you also say – I see you; I appreciate you; What you did made a difference; and so much more. Unfortunately, we often overlook the power of thank you.

The word virtue comes from Latin and means a trait of excellence. Gratitude is a virtue worth cultivating. Living in gratitude offers us a new perspective on life, our relationships, and encourages us to be more aware of our blessings. We are surrounded by reasons to be grateful and give thanks – the greatest being new life through Christ. Truly, our cup runs over and reasons to offer thanks abound!

When we live steeped in gratitude our spirits are lifted and there's a spring in our step. We share those positive emotions when we thank others for their time, effort, or care. Living in a grateful frame of mind changes the world for the better.

*Pastor David*

#### ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to join Pastor David's on-line Bible Study, which takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 PM. A reminder will be sent via email every Tuesday along with a zoom link to join the meeting.

## CANS FOR COMMUNITY at The James Cultural Plaza 2024 Benefiting local food pantries in DeKalb County!

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

**1:00 – 4:00pm**

#### Cans for Community Details:

**Build time will be 1:00 – 4:00pm on Saturday, October 19th**

**Canstruction tear down and donation collection from 4:00 – 5:00pm.**

**All nonperishable food items must be removed from the Plaza by 5:00pm on Saturday, October 19, 2024.**



join the fun time,

**PRESBYTERIAN**



**PASTOR DAVID IS ASKING FOR HELP WITH THIS EVENT!** If you are creative and want to see Pastor David.

**WOMEN:**

Presbyterian Women will NOT have a regular meeting in October. We will meet instead on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the rummage sale. The church will be open at 9:00 a.m.

## **PW FALL RUMMAGE SALE - OCTOBER 24, 25, 26**

Presbyterian Women will be holding a Rummage/Bake/Basket Sale on October 24, 25, & 26. You may bring your items to the church anytime during the week of the rummage sale (preferably by Wednesday, Oct. 23) This year we are adding to our rummage sale a **BAKE SALE**. We are asking anyone in the congregation that could donate a baked item for the sale to bring it in during the rummage sale week.



### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

The Building & Grounds Committee would like to THANK EVERYONE who volunteered to help park cars during the fair week. The weather was a challenge, but our volunteers never let that stop them from showing up and parking cars, which helped the committee raise approx. \$3000. The Committee would also like to give special thanks go to Paul Yoder who heads this fund raiser every year and makes sure things go smoothly.



**Presbytery of Wabash Valley  
Position Description**

**Administrative Director**

Come join our team! We seek a person who wants to make a difference serving God by helping our 72 congregations as our new Administrative Director.

**Position Purpose:** In collaboration with the Visioning & Connecting Leader and Stated Clerk, the Administrative Director provides administrative support for, and facilitates communication within, the Presbytery.

**Responsibilities:** Serves as the initial contact for members of Presbytery and the public; provides administrative support for Presbytery leaders and ministry teams; assists with in-person and online meetings; prepares the weekly e-newsletter *God Calls*; and coordinates with our Tech Specialist to curate website content.

**Personal Qualifications:** We look forward to welcoming a warm, caring communicator who can manage details efficiently and people compassionately and who is capable, confident, and comfortable with Microsoft Office 365 suite, Dropbox, and Zoom.

**Position Parameters:** 25 hours per week with up to 60% of work to be done remotely (if desired) with an annual salary of \$30,350 plus benefits. Successful applicants will be able to begin on or about 12/09/24 in order to overlap with our outgoing Director who retires on 12/31/24.

**Interested?** Questions, expressions of interest, and resumes may be directed to PWV Personnel Ministry Team Chair John Van Nuys: [jcvannuys@gmail.com](mailto:jcvannuys@gmail.com) or 765-376-5942.

### OUR FREE LITTLE PANTRY

Our Free Little Pantry is out of food and we are asking for your assistance in providing non-perishable items, such as **canned foods (soups, beans, tuna, chicken), peanut butter, rice, granola bars, dry pasta, crackers, cereals, baby food, boxed foods (mac and cheese, hamburger/tuna helpers), staples (flour, sugar, salt), hygiene products (soap of any kind, tooth paste, shampoo, feminine products, diapers,) or paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) ... anything that would not spoil in the hot weather.** We have cleaned out our church cupboards and need to restock. You may bring items to the church office anytime. Thank you!

### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 12th:

Do you enjoy playing cards? How about euchre? We are starting up our Euchre Tournament again on the second Thursday of the month (October 10th) starting at 7:00 p.m. at the church. If you are interested see Carl Smith or Pastor David. Mark your calendars to enjoy a free night of fun with plenty of fellowship!



### LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES...

The Leadership Committee is gearing up and will be looking for people who are interested in using their gifts to serve the church. Just as the committee gives much thought to who they will approach, we hope you will prayerfully consider being a larger part of the mission of this church if you are asked to be a part of the leadership. Specifically, we seek three new Session members (for a three-year term), three members to serve as Deacons (for a three-year term) one APC Foundation member, and two at-large members of the congregation to serve on the 2024 Leadership Development Committee. For more information or to personally suggest

potential leaders, contact any of this year's Leadership Development Committee: Tim Miller, Polly Bassett, and Julia Nixon



**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PROVIDED A FUN “END OF SUMMER PICNIC”**

Thank you to Everyone that attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church picnic! We had a great turnout, beautiful weather and wonderful food!

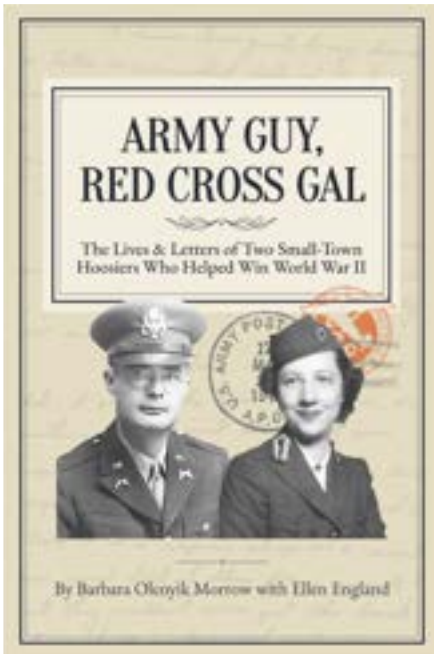
Carl and the Fellowship Team

**Mark Your** **Calendars for the**  
**Smock Senior Ministry Outing**  
**planned for ‘Veterans Day’ Week**  
**Thursday, November 14, from 10-a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, IN**



## *Army Guy and Red Cross Gal:*

### *World War II Through the Eyes of Two Small-Town Hoosiers*



During World War II, Auburn attorney Bill Husselman served as a military police lieutenant with U.S. General George S. Patton's Third Army as it marched across northwest Europe. Auburn music teacher Mary Brandon served as an American Red Cross club worker in Italy as Allied troops slogged up the peninsula. Never did Bill's and Mary's paths cross overseas, never did their duties – wildly different – overlap.

But their similar backgrounds (they were friends before the war) and their distinct voices and perspectives (as gleaned from wartime letters) form the heart of Barbara Olenyik Morrow's latest book, *Army Guy, Red Cross Gal: The Lives & Letters of Two Small-Town Hoosiers Who Helped Win World War II*, written in collaboration with Ellen England.

Bill's and Mary's war-era stories are separate and riveting. Morrow will share some of their stories as part of a three-pronged Smock Ministry program on Thursday, November 14 at the historic Eckhart Public Library, one of Auburn's crown jewels.

The Smock program will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and greetings; Morrow's presentation – complete with archival photos – will immediately follow. Afterwards, attendees will be given a tour of the 114-year-old library, which suffered extensive damage due to an arson fire in 2017 but has been successfully renovated. As part of the tour, guests will view the library's extensive and highly acclaimed art collection.

A catered lunch will follow in the library's main meeting room.

Morrow is the author of seven books, most focusing on Indiana history. Her books have featured college basketball coaching legend John Wooden, nature writer Gene Stratton-Porter, and famed Underground Railroad leader Levi Coffin. A former journalist who has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist, Morrow lectures extensively around the state.

### **MISSION TEAM REMINDER....**

**Don't forget to send in your favorite bible scriptures, devotions, and/or meditations, and share how they have helped you overcome a challenging time in your life. The Mission Committee will continue to compile your entries until the end of October.**

A devotional is a book that contains readings, poetry, reflections, and Scripture designated for each day of the year. Many people use devotion as a part of their prayer life. The Mission Committee would like to create a devotional for the church that we could all use.

We would like to collect meaningful stories, poetry, reflections, and/or Scriptures from members of the congregation. It could even be something that you found in another devotional that meant a lot to you! There is

more than enough room for people to submit more than one contribution – actually, two or three per person would be great. We will gather these over the next few months. We would like to put them all together during November and produce an APC devotional for the new year.

Please help us with this work and submit anything that is meaningful to you that can be shared with others. You can give that to Lisa or Angela on the Mission Committee, Tracy the Secretary, or Pastor David. We look forward to receiving these and putting them together so that others can grow from what is important to each of us.

Thanks, Mission Committee.



Most of you know that Florida, the Carolinas, and other southern states were devastated by Hurricane Helene. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already there and working with Church World Service, who we have partnered with before, and they are asking for mud buckets. The session has decided to join this effort and collect a special offering for the first three weeks of October. The Mission Committee would like to magnify the effect of our gifts by matching what we raise as a congregation.

If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Auburn

Presbyterian Church and in the memo portion write Hurricane Helene.