

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS on



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra sleep!

KIWANIS HOLIDAY LOAF

Kiwanis will begin baking their Holiday Pumpkin Loaf at our church Thursday through Saturday, November 6th through the 8th. All proceeds will be donated to Children's First Center.



Just a reminder: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. All bulletin information for that week will need to be turned into the office by Tuesday, November 25.



FROM THE PASTOR:

Friends,

We are nearing the end of my writing about spiritual disciplines. This month, we're going to focus on a familiar practice: WORSHIP. One of my favorite gospel stories is the story of the woman at the well. Confronted by Jesus about worship, he tells her that it doesn't matter where our worship happens, but that it needs to be in spirit and in truth.

We have developed all sorts of liturgical forms to worship in spirit and in truth. For some, worship requires a well-crafted sermon, but for others it's all about the music-hymns or contemporary. And still others value the movement of kneeling, dancing, or clapping. These are just a few of the different forms of worship, and each congregation tends to "specialize" in one form or another.

At the end of the day, true worship calls for a ceasefire in our "worship wars". The focus of the spiritual practice of worship is the experience of God in our midst, regardless of the form or style of worship we use. Real worship is a commitment to real confession, actual repentance, and true glorification of God through the practice of worship.

If worship is the experience of God in our midst, it's so much more than our regular Sunday gathering. Surrounded by God's Spirit every moment, we have the opportunity to worship without ceasing. The awareness of God's transforming presence can shape us so that every day becomes true worship.

Shalom, Pastor D



WORSHIP & MUSIC

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

USHERS:

November: 2: David & Veronique Poudrier
9: Ross & Nancy Clark
16: Norm & Peg Yoder
23: Judy Ditmars & Joyce Phillips
30: Jim & Julia Nixon

Communion Servers: Barb Morrow, Judy Ditmars, Joyce Phillips

LITURGIST: Barbara Morrow

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Stan & Mary Wilson, Polly Bassett, Norm & Peg Yoder

COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd (Christ the King Sunday). Please mark your calendars.



SPECIAL MUSIC: We are happy to announce that the Brass Chords will be joining us again during our worship service on November 16th.

SESSION NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session **for Sunday, NOVEMBER 30**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is the election of Church Officers. Please mark your calendars!



EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

THANKSMAS MEAL FOLLOWING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday November 16th** in Fellowship Hall for a “Thanksmas” Congregational Potluck! The Fellowship committee will provide turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes and gravy, as well as drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts.

DEACONS



Pictured above is the “Dinners For Eight” meal served at the home of Doug & Barb Morrow.

It was reported that “Doug and Barb Morrow hosted Dinners For Eight on Thursday evening. Wonderful meal and fun getting to know each other better!” In attendance was Nancy Derrow, Ray Smith, Paul and Becky Yoder, Carl and Melinda Smith, and the host Doug and Barb Morrow.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Thank Offering"

The Auburn Presbyterian Women will celebrate Thank Offering Sunday on **November 23rd**. An envelope will be enclosed in the bulletin on that day for your generous contribution.

PW Meeting: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on **Wednesday November 12th at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor David will provide lessons two and three: Mary "of a Certain Village" and Jesus is Tested. All women are invited to attend.

REMINDER: PW will be selling three different packages of note cards over the next few weeks to support their mission projects. There are 3 different packages of note cards with different photos on the front...one of the Biblical Garden, one of Christmas, and one of the sanctuary interior during Christmas. All are priced at \$10 for 10 cards.



SPECIAL THANKS...

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, worked, or purchased at the church rummage sale. It was a huge success, and it wouldn't have been possible without all of you! Our Fellowship Hall was filled with many donations from everyone! We especially would like to thank Joyce Phillips who made and donated several gift baskets filled with all kinds of goodies that was raffled off for any lucky winner that bought a ticket.

We sold nearly \$2,600 in all, which will go towards PW missions, scholarships, funeral dinners and maintaining the church kitchen.

Pictured to the right are those helping load the left-over items from the rummage sale. This truck load of items will be taken to a church in Blaine, KY whose mission is to accept donations from all over and then they in turn offer it free of charge to those that are in need. PW would like to thank everyone that helped box and load all the items to be sent. Lots of helping hands made the work go so much easier!



**Thank
You**

The following was received from Cheryl John:

“I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, thoughts, cards and support throughout these past few months. I feel very blessed!”

Cheryl John

MISSION ACTION & INTERPRETATION



ANGEL TREE ARRIVING SOON! For several years, the Auburn Presbyterian Church has helped meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the families who have a mother or father incarcerated. The national program is overseen by Prison Fellowship, an evangelical organization formed by Charles Colson as a result of his experiences in jail. Angel Tree's objective is to connect parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. It is a volunteer program, one in which we are given the names of families and the needs of their children. An “Angel Tree” will be placed in the Narthex of the church on the First Sunday of Advent (November 30th). Members who want to bring the joy of Jesus’ birth to DeKalb County children whose parents are incarcerated may take an angel off the tree and buy a gift for a child.



2025 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Beginning Sunday, November 30

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. As we celebrate with joy our unity in God’s family, we are providing tangible support to persons in our community of faith.

This year’s Joy Offering begins on the First Sunday in Advent (**NOVEMBER 30th**). A contribution envelope will appear each Sunday of the Advent Season. Please make a generous contribution to the Christmas Joy Offering by placing your contribution in the offering plate or by mailing your contribution to the church (111 West Twelfth St.) and mark "Christmas Joy Offering" in the memo part of the check.



HANGING OF THE GREENS...TREE TRIMMING TIME

It’s that time of year again – “Decorate the Sanctuary” time! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 23 when, immediately following worship, we will put up the Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary in time for Advent. We welcome and appreciate all helpers. Coffee and treats will be served in Fellowship Hall. Come grab a treat and lend a helping hand. Many thanks in advance!

STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

The Stewardship and Budget Committee would like to thank you for your tithes and personal giving this past year. With your financial support and personal involvement, the church will be able to do God's work. Every year we set aside one day to emphasize responsible, grateful stewardship of God's blessings. **This year, Sunday, November 16, is that day.** There will be a time during our worship service in which we will be dedicating both our monetary giving and the gifts and talents our God has blessed us with in furthering his kingdom here on earth. If you cannot be present during worship on that day, you can mail your pledge card to the church.

PER CAPITA RELEASED: \$45.08 per confirmed member

Per Capita is assessed on the number of active members on the church's roll. Each governing body beyond our Session determines how much Per Capita it will assess the membership. For next year, our church Per Capita Apportionment is: **\$45.08 per member**. You may make your checks out to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and either mail to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Be sure to mark at the bottom of your check "per capita" so the treasurer will apply the funds appropriately.



Come and support Aidan Smith playing with the PFW Jazz Combo. Great evening of music at the Purdue Fort Wayne Music Center!

What to expect

PFW Jazz Combo presents a concert of classic jazz repertoire from the 1950's to the present. Individual improvisational creativity is explored in a variety of styles including bebop, modal, Latin jazz, and jazz-funk.

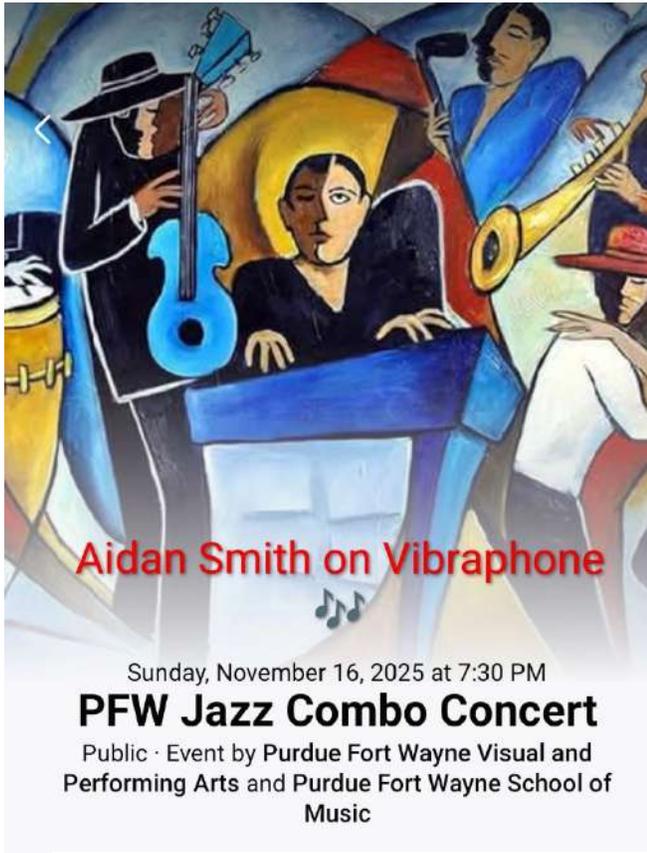
Sunday, Nov. 16 7:30 p.m.

Rhinehart Recital Hall

Box Office Hours: Tue.-Fri. 1:30-5:30 p.m.
260-481-6553 or www.pfw.edu/tickets

Free Admission for Purdue FW Students with ID and Students under 18
\$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors (60 and Older), \$5 Non-Purdue FW University Students

For information about the School of Music visit www.pfw.edu/music or call 260-481-6714.



**AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARTICIPATING IN THE STAINED GLASS TOUR
NOVEMBER 7 & 8**

Thank you to Jerri Imus, who will be passing out information to those that come and admire our beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary during the Community Stained Glass Tour event.

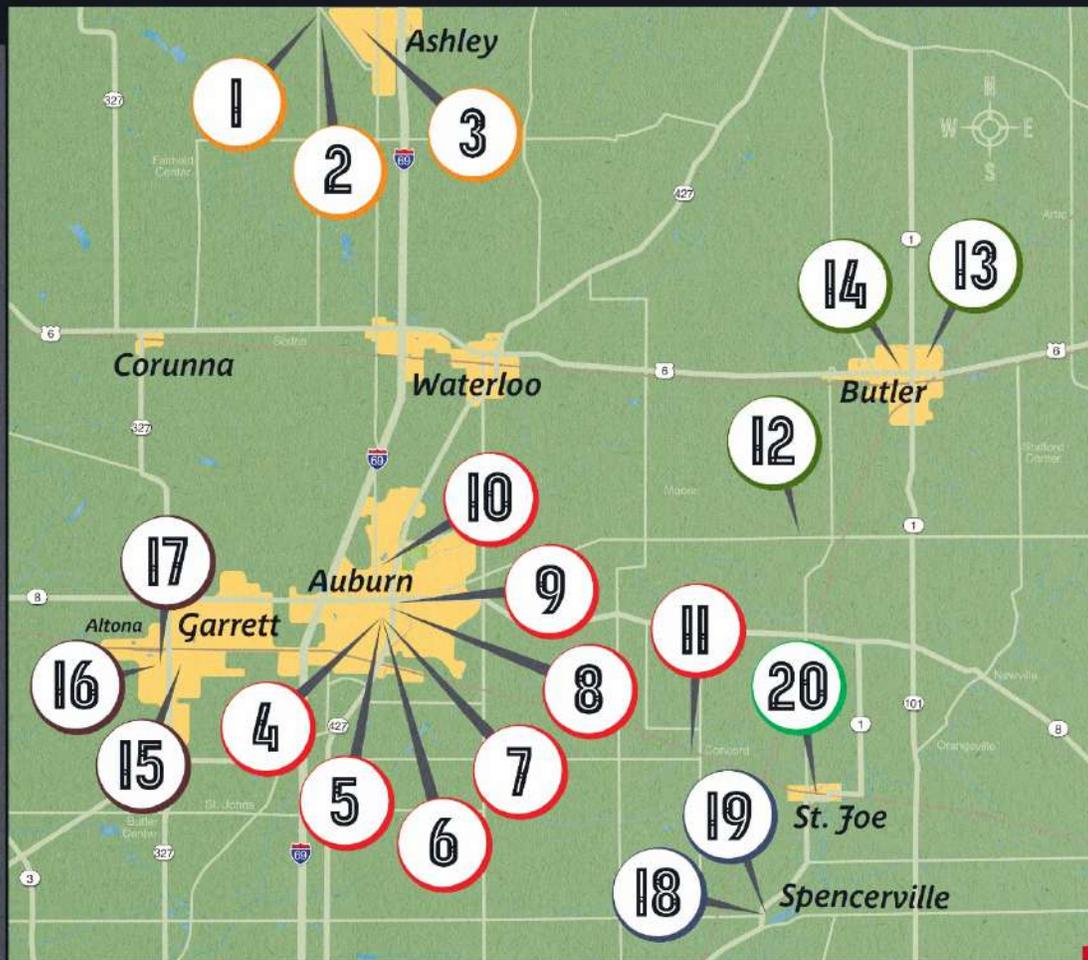


Stained Glass Tour

November 7 & 8 • 6pm - 9pm

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| 1. St. John's United Church of Christ • 0027 C.R. 23, Ashley ● | 11. Concord Christian Fellowship • 5105 C.R. 56, Auburn ● |
| 2. Love Divine Baptist Church • 2372 S.R. 4, Ashley ● | 12. Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church • 4099 C.R. 59, Butler ● |
| 3. Ashley United Methodist Church • 210 W. Morgan St., Ashley ● | 13. Butler Church of the Nazarene • 500 N. Beech St., Butler ● |
| 4. Eckhart Public Library • 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn ● | 14. Life Redeemed Apostolic Church • 217 W. Main St., Butler ● |
| 5. St. Mark's Church • 211 W. 9th St., Auburn ● | 15. Garrett Presbyterian Church • 201 S. Franklin St., Garrett ● |
| 6. 10th & Jackson Church of Christ • 401 S. Jackson St., Auburn ● | 16. St. Joseph Catholic Church • 300 W. Houston St., Garrett ● |
| 7. Auburn Presbyterian Church • 111 W. 12th St., Auburn ● | 17. Garrett United Methodist Church • 110 W. Houston St., Garrett ● |
| 8. DeKalb Masonic Lodge (Fri. Only) • 129 1/2 W. 8th St., Auburn ● | 18. St. Peter's Lutheran Church • 6893 S.R. 1, Spencerville ● |
| 9. DeKalb County Courthouse (Sat. Only) • 100 Main St., Auburn ● | 19. Spencerville United Methodist Church • 5681 Church St., Spencerville ● |
| 10. First Christian Church • 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn ● | 20. St. Mark Lutheran Church • 312 Washington St., St. Joe ● |

● Open for tours ● Outdoor viewing only



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