

Auburn Presbyterian Church
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Auburn, IN 46706
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2026

Aidan Smith's first Jazz Concert of 2026 will take place on Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Auer Performance Hall inside Purdue Fort Wayne Music Center. Join the PFW Jazz Ensemble for a fun night of eclectic jazz favorites by Gordon Goodwin, Tom Kubris, and friends of the Phat Band.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at the Purdue/FortWayne Box Office by calling 260-481-6553 or www.pfw.edu/tickets.

Free admission for Purdue FW students with ID and students under 18. Adult tickets are \$8 and Seniors (60 and older or \$7 and non-Purdue FW University students are \$5).

2026 AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF

ELDERS: Polly Bassett
Elaine LeFever
Lisa Magsamen
Tim Miller
Barb Morrow
Jan Nagel
Joyce Phillips
Norm Yoder
Mary Wilson

DEACONS: Joey Aiken
Mark Bassett
Michelle Bassett
Don McIntyre
Jim Nixon
Leah Watson

CLERK OF SESSION: Jerri Imus

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David Lawrence
Administrative Assistant: Tracy Warner
Director of Music: Grant Nill
Treasurer: Nancy Clark



Brothers and Sisters:

Last year I wrote 12 newsletter articles about spiritual practices. This year I plan to focus on the 10 commandments, plus the two commandments of the New Testament.

Living in a small town in Northeast Indiana, there aren't a lot of other religions besides Christianity. Sure, there's a smattering of Jewish people, some Buddhists and Muslims, and a handful of pagan worshipers, but by and large, this is a Christian community. In our context, the first commandment, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not have strange gods before me" doesn't mean a lot.

We forget that the first commandment spoke to a society that was full of different religions. This was the case even into the third century, there were a number of religions and religions so strong that they threatened Christianity. This commandment also draws our attention to those things to which we give religious status. Things like work, sports, money, status, etc. Human beings are good at making Gods out of those things that give us a quick fix and make us feel good, powerful, strong, or in control.

Reading the first commandment in the light of the 21 st century, I am reminded of Bob Dylan and the prophet Joshua. Dylan reminds us that "ya gotta serve someone" while Joshua points us in the right direction when he states, "as for me and my household – we will serve the Lord". So, I hope the first commandment always reminds you of Dylan and Joshua as you serve the Lord.

Shalom,

Pastor David



2026 FLOWERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES . . .

If you are interested in giving flowers for Sunday morning worship service, the following dates are available:

DATES FOR 2026:

February: 15, 22
March: 15, 29
April: 5, 19, 26
May: 10, 17, 24, 31

September: 20, 27
October: 4, 11, 18, 25
November: 8, 15, 22, 29
December: 13, 20, 27

The total cost is \$50.00 for two vases of flowers and the forms are available at the back of the church to fill out and return to the church office. Or you may call the office and let the secretary know the date and who you would like to give them for.



**Auburn Presbyterian Church Celebrating
Scout Sunday - February 8, 2026**

This is a great time to honor Scouts and adults for their volunteer activities in service of Auburn Presbyterian Church and our community.

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

USHERS: 1: Ross & Nancy Clark
8: Carl & Melinda Smith
15: Norm & Peg Yoder
22: Teresa Ewing and Polly Bassett

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (Transfiguration of the Lord)



PW WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY!

Presbyterian Women will meet **Wednesday, Feb 11th at 10:30 a.m.** in the lounge downstairs. Pastor David will provide lesson six: Finding Our Joy In Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice". All women are invited to attend.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The next Euchre Tournament will take place on Thursday, **February 12th at 7 PM** in the lounge. If you didn't get a chance to play before this, don't let that stop you from joining the group. A good time is had by all who come and play!



LUNCH AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Auburn Presbyterian Church will be held on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd** for the purpose of receiving annual committee reports, receiving the 2026 budget, and transacting any other business that may properly come before said meeting. The fellowship committee is organizing a lunch following the worship service. Watch bulletin announcements for further information.

JOIN THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPER BOWL TEAMS BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide effort to bring deeper meaning to the day of the game by tackling hunger. The mission committee is asking everyone to acknowledge Souper Bowl of Caring by bringing in a can of soup to donate to the food pantry in our parking lot.

If you are a New England Patriots fan or a Seattle Seahawks fan, you can bring in canned or boxed food and then put them in the container for the team you are rooting for. The team box with the most weight of food wins!
