

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

NEWSLETTER -- 2026

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Ushers:

- 5: Veronique & David Poudrier (Easter)
- 12: Ray Smith and Stan Kessler
- 19: Jim & Julia Nixon
- 26: Jason & Lisa Magsamen

Liturgist: Barb Morrow

Flowers:

Stan Kessler
Veronique & David Poudrier
Peg & Norm Yoder

Communion will be served on Thursday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 5th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN's MEETING: Wednesday, April 8th

PW will meet Wednesday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Lesson Nine "When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus" will be discussed. All women are invited to join us!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-

This month I'm writing about the Third Commandment – “You shall not take the Lord's name in vain”. Most of us think this is simply a prohibition against using God's name as a curse word. While that's part of it, the commandment goes a lot deeper. In the ancient world, a person's name carried the full weight of their identity, authority, and character. To invoke someone's name was to call upon everything they were. Knowing and using God's name is a sacred act and to misuse it is not merely a matter of bad manners; it is a betrayal of relationship.

What does misuse look like in our everyday lives? It goes beyond profanity. We misuse God's name when we invoke it carelessly in conversation or when we wrap our own ambitions in religious language to give them an air of divine approval. We misuse it when we pray without thought, repeating words we no longer mean. We misuse it when we call ourselves children of God and then act in ways that bring dishonor to the One whose name we bear. The Third Commandment is a sobering reminder that how we live is itself a kind of speech about God.

The positive side of this commandment is a call to reverence, the deep and joyful awe that comes from knowing who God truly is. We honor God's name when we worship with our full self. We honor it when our words about God are thoughtful and true. We honor it when our lives reflect God's love to those around us. The commandment is not just a fence keeping us from something harmful – it is an invitation to handle with great care the most precious gift we have been given: the knowledge of the living God.

Shalom, Pastor David

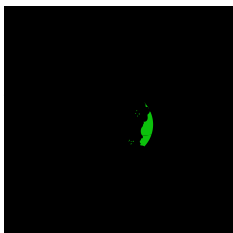


Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service in the Chapel. Communion served.

Friday, April 3rd: Community Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m. Taking place at the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

EASTER: Sunday, April 5th: 8:30 a.m. - **Easter morning breakfast** in fellowship hall. A pancake and sausage breakfast with fruit and pastries, coffee and juice will be provided by the men of the church and the Fellowship Committee.

10:00 a.m. - **Easter morning Worship Service.** Communion served.



As Christians, we talk about God providing us with blessings of all kinds in abundance, but there are many in the world that live with less than what they need. Surely our God calls us to be sharers of abundance. You can be a channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the poor and oppressed. Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Offering Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin on Easter Sunday.



We would like to thank the following people for their gifts of Easter lilies.

Polly Bassett, in loving memory of husband, Merle.

Stan & Judy Kessler, in loving memory of Dr. Silas and Ruth Kessler and Eleanor Wilson.

Ed Benbow, in loving memory of Kay.

Nancy Derrow, in loving memory of parents, Ethel and Harry Western.

Ron and Emily Heymann, in appreciation of our Music Department.

Flo Webb, in loving memory of husband Dr. Michael Webb.

Joyce Phillips, in loving memory of husband John.

Nancy & Ross Clark, in honor of Granddaughters Jessica, Brittney and Lindsey and Great-Granddaughters Briella, Dana and Audirina.

Judy Ditmars and family, in loving memory of Richard Ditmars.

Pastor David Lawrence in loving memory of his dad Ross Lawrence.

JUST FYI...

Pastor David will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 6 through the 12th. If you have an emergency during that time please call the church office. Thank you.

The office will be CLOSED on Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday). Any bulletin announcements need to be given to the secretary no later than Wednesday, April 1st.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

The next Euchre Tournament will take place on Thursday, **April 16th at 7 PM.**

The Wednesday Evening on-line Bible Study will NOT meet during the month of April.

Adult Sunday School will not meet on Easter Sunday, however, it will resume on the 12th

NEW MEMBERS: During the worship service on Sunday, April 5th we are happy to announce that the following individuals have decided to join the church as Active Members:

Dick Knapp
Teresa Knapp
Joe Davis
Diana Davis

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES UP-COMING EVENT:

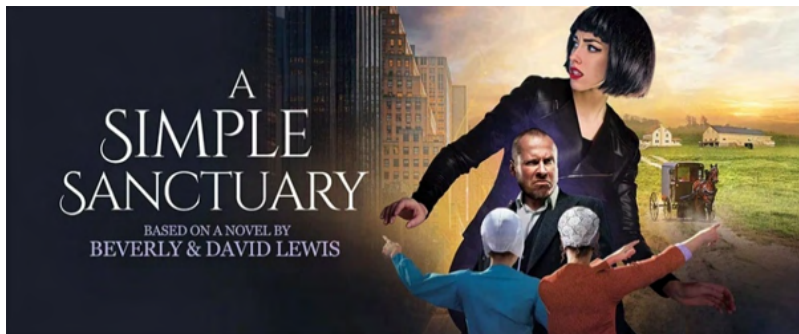
**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026
LUNCH BUFFET and MUSICAL AT
THE BLUE GATE In SHIPSHEWANA
A Simple Sanctuary - The Hit Mystery Musical**

LUNCH BUFFET: 11:30 a.m.

MUSICAL BEGINS AT 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$30.00 FOR BOTH THE MEAL AND MUSICAL

SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd by calling the Auburn Presbyterian Church at 925-2987 or email at apcsecretary111@gmail.com. Please provide your name, which church you are with and your phone number and/or email address when making reservations. This helps us to keep you updated about the event.



Event Details:

She prayed the day would never come, but when her past comes calling, Melissa James has no choice but to flee. Pursued and living on the run, she finds desperate sanctuary and surprising friendship in Amish country. Part suspense, part romance, A Simple Sanctuary is a compelling story of love tested, the cost of freedom, and the solace found in true community.

Based on the best-selling books by Beverly Lewis, **A Simple Sanctuary** is infused with Blue Gate Musicals' signature blend of humor, heart, and harmonies that make for an uplifting and entertaining evening at the theatre.