

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell Tele-Christian June 2026 Edition

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



## Mark's Remarks ~

Father's Day is almost a forgotten holiday, stuck in the busy time of summer. It doesn't seem to receive the same emphasis as Mother's Day and yet the role of father is critical to a family's well-being. All men with children should aspire to be a biblical father.

There are specific admonishments given in the scriptures for fathers. Below is a list, but certainly not exhaustive.

1. Fathers are called to nurture and instruct their children with gentleness rather than heavy handed control. Scriptures such as: *"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* — Ephesians 6:4. Other scriptures echo the sentiment.
2. Fathers are the one who are called to teach their children spiritual things. *"Impress them (the laws of God) on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* — Deuteronomy 6:7. Fathers have a wonderful opportunity to instill a spiritual foundation into their children.
3. Fathers are cautioned not to be too harsh in their dealings with their children. *"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."* — Colossians 3:21. We should desire our children to feel positive about themselves; and fathers have a big role in achieving that.
4. Fathers are called to provide for their family. *"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."* — 1 Timothy 5:8. The Bible is quite harsh against fathers who will not work and provide.
5. Godly fathers model integrity for their children. *"The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."* — Proverbs 20:7. Generally, your father's character and righteous example are a legacy for their children.

Again, there is much more that could be added to this list, but I think this is a good starting point. I think about the many men in our church and there is a variety of good examples of biblical fatherhood. Happy Father's Day!

## June Sermons

In June we will look at Jesus' teachings and actions and how they are for the church today.

<b>June 7:</b>	Scripture: Matthew 9:18-25	Sermon Title: <i>You Have Been Healed and Raised from Death</i>
<b>June 14:</b>	Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38	Sermon Title: <i>Pray for the Harvest</i>
<b>June 21:</b>	Scripture: Psalm 103:8-13	Sermon Title: <i>The Compassionate Father</i>
<b>June 28:</b>	Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42	Sermon Title: <i>Rewards for Welcoming</i>

## Please Pray



We have three big important ministries happening in June. Please be praying for our Kidz Karnival, Vacation Bible School and the Buddy Bag summer program. We have the opportunity to have a positive impact on community children. We don't want to even attempt these ministries without our church family praying. Pray children's lives are touched in a positive way. Pray for those leading these ministries. Pray for nice weather. Don't just pray once. Keep these events covered in prayer. Thank you, Pastor Mark



## A Summer Break

The 2025-26 school year is ending. Both teachers and students are looking forward to taking a break from a daily routine of classes and studies. Here at our church, we feel the dedicated leaders of our adult Sunday School classes also deserve some time off. The WINGS and FRIENDS classes will not be meeting during June, July and August.

Likewise, we give the hosts of Martha's Coffee House the summer off. From September through May our fellowship time in the library prior to worship offered nourishment for both the body and soul. We are so grateful for the 19 volunteers who kept the coffee hot and shared treats throughout the last 9 months. Several of these volunteers served multiple Sundays and deserve a break for their dedication.

For those who treasure their morning caffeine, feel free to bring your coffee from home in a travel mug. Or stop at one of our local coffee shops or a favorite drive thru on your way to worship.

We look forward to seeing everyone at 9:30 worship this summer, with or without coffee!!



Dear Church Family,

Food brings us together—whether it's after a Sunday service, at a potluck, or a holiday gathering. We all have that one "tried and true" recipe that everyone loves, and we want to preserve them in a new church cookbook.

We are looking for your favorite recipes to fill this cookbook.

### How to Participate:

Please submit via e-mail to the church your favorite recipes (appetizers, snacks, soups, salads, main dishes, sides and vegetables, breads, or desserts) by **July 1, 2026**. We would love to include at least one recipe from every family! But of course, we will welcome more than one.

Please include your name with your recipe, and feel free to add a short note about why it's a family favorite or the name of a loved one you'd like to dedicate it to. If it is gluten free, diabetic friendly, low carb or vegetarian you can note that as well.

Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping us make this cookbook a success!

Blessings,  
Kim McGinley, Church Cookbook Coordinator  
Pastor Mark, Church Cookbook Coordinator's Assistant



Calling all Kids!



For more information,  
call the church office  
696-9219  
or visit  
[www.lowellumc.org](http://www.lowellumc.org)

Come and join us as we plunge into an  
adventure and discover the nature of God!

## Vacation Bible School

will be at  
**First United Methodist Church**  
520 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, Indiana

**June 23 - 25, 2026**

**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

Lunch will be provided

Ages 4 through those entering 5th grade

Register online at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/e3ce91>

or scan the QR code



Registration also available upon arrival at VBS



## KIDZ KARNIVAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

5:00PM-7:30PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
& OLD TOWNE SQUARE

**FREE**

BOUNCE HOUSE\*PETTING ZOO\*GAMES\* FOOD\*FUN!

*SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES!!*

### Mission of the Month

In June we are supporting a national United Methodist mission. McCurdy Ministries is located in Espanola, New Mexico. McCurdy ministries started as a primary and secondary mission school. Because of economic issues the school became a charter school with the New Mexico system. The mission still continues, doing after school faith programs, pre-Kindergarten, summer camps and adult education programs. They also have a clothing store. The mission serves Hispanic, Native American as well as poor white children of the region.

On June 14 there will be envelopes in the bulletins and we will accept donations all month to help this mission. Giving to missions should be above and beyond your giving to the ministries of the church. It is called second-mile giving. Don't feel bad if you don't feel you can afford to support any of these monthly missions.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Church Family,

With grateful hearts, we thank you for your generous sharing of resources, time, and love. Because of your faithfulness, hope is brought into lives, relationships with Christ are strengthened, and our church is able to continue its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Your kindness reflects the spirit of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors." Through your giving and support, our church remains a welcoming place where people can grow in faith, find encouragement, and experience the love of Christ in meaningful ways.

Thank you for being a blessing to this church family and to all those whose lives are touched through our ministry. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity and servant hearts.

With sincere appreciation,  
Your Finance Committee

**Our Stewardship Journey – 2026 – Pocket Five**

**“The Building Pocket”**

As we gather week after week to worship, pray, learn, serve, and fellowship together, we are reminded that the church is far more than a building. The church is people — believers united in Christ, carrying out His mission in the world.

At the same time, God has blessed us with a physical place where ministry can happen. Our church building is not simply brick and mortar; it is a tool for ministry, outreach, healing, discipleship, and community. Every room, hallway, pew, classroom, and parking space helps create an environment where lives can be changed through the power of God.

Giving toward the care and support of our church facilities is important because these spaces make ministry possible. Within these walls:

- The Gospel is preached.
- Children are taught about Jesus.
- Youth find guidance and encouragement.
- Families gather in worship.
- The hurting receive prayer and support.
- The community finds hope and refuge.

Our building serves as a lighthouse in the community — a visible reminder that God’s house is open and His people are present.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your continued support. Together, we are building more than a facility — we are helping build lives, families, and the Kingdom of God.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity and love for His house.

With gratitude and blessings,

Your Finance Committee



**SENIOR BINGO**

Young at Heart Sr. Bingo meets on the fourth Tuesday. We’ll be meeting on June 22 at 1 pm. Bring friends and come play free Bingo, eat wonderful snacks and win great prizes.



**MUSIC JAM**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays. June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Come early for lunch. Feel free to bring an instrument and wear your dancing shoes. Sure hope to see you here!

## Buddy Bags Returns This Summer!



We are excited to once again serve as a Buddy Bags distribution site this summer, helping meet the nutritional needs of children throughout South Lake County. Distribution will take place every Wednesday from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, beginning **June 17**.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this outreach ministry, please contact Laura Eller.

Most importantly, please keep this ministry, the volunteers, and the children and families we serve in your prayers as we share Christ's love through this community outreach.

Laura Eller

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Thank you to all who gave to the Good Samaritan Fund through the Generosity Tree this past May. Because of all of your generous donations, the people of the Lowell community can be helped up when they are down. Please remember that you can donate to this fund at any time through the church office.

Kim McGinley, Fund Administrator

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## Pastor's Comic Corner

In case you haven't noticed, I love humor.  
Below are comics that I've come across. Enjoy and smile! Pastor Mark



"He only got this job because of who his dad is."

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday - Worship** ~ 9:30am (in Sanctuary) **Monday** - A/A 12pm (303) **Wed.** – A/A 3 pm (303), A/A - 8pm (F.H.), Al/Anon - 8pm (lib) **Thurs.** - Dulcimers 10am (300), *LYFT* Dinner 5:30pm/Worship 6:00pm (F.H.)

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tri-Kappa 6pm (FH)	2	3 Music Jam 1 pm  UWF Exec Mtg. 5:30 pm (lib)	4	5 Working Together Circle 1:30 pm (library)	6
7	8 Susanna Wesley Circle 1 pm (library)	9	10	11 Outreach Meeting 8:30 am	12	13 Sandy Hurst Memorial 1 pm (sanctuary)
14 Mission Sunday	15	16 Household Pantry 9-12 & 5-6 (curbside)	17 Buddy Bag Mission 10-1 (300)  Music Jam 1 pm	18	19 Kidz Karnival Set-Up 9 am  Kidz Karnival 5-7:30 pm	20
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23 VBS 12-2 pm (whole church)	24 Buddy Bag Mission 10-1 (300)  VBS 12-2 pm (whole church)  Trustees Meeting 6 pm (conf. rm.)	25 VBS 12-2 pm (whole church)	26	27 Basement rented 11am-3 pm
28 John Wesley's Birthday	29	30 Senior Bingo 1 pm (FH)				