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## Lenten Lay Breakfast

Friday, April 4, 2025



This year marked the 49th year of the Lenten Lay Breakfast series which is sponsored by the Warren County Ministerial Association. Strom Center graciously hosts the 7 week event. Fellowship and breakfast began at 6:30 a.m. with the program starting at 7:15 a.m. Susan Higbee played the prelude and closing hymn, "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us". Ada and Jayden Kunkle provided the special music, with Ada playing "The Old Rugged Cross" and Jayden playing "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". Stan Jenks gave the inspirational message. It was a *beautiful* service attended by 48 community members. Thank you to Susan, Ada, Jayden and Stan for their time and talents!!



Stan



Ada



Jayden

"Our hands may be small, but they have the power to make a big difference in the world."

Author Unknown

Answers to last month's puzzle:

**The Rainbow #5**

**The Dove #2**

**The Lamb #1**

**The Cross #3**

**The Mustard Seed #4**

## This month's puzzle:

Animals in the Bible and their Symbolism

Match the correct animal to its symbolism

\_\_\_\_\_ : Strength & Courage : Proverbs 30:30

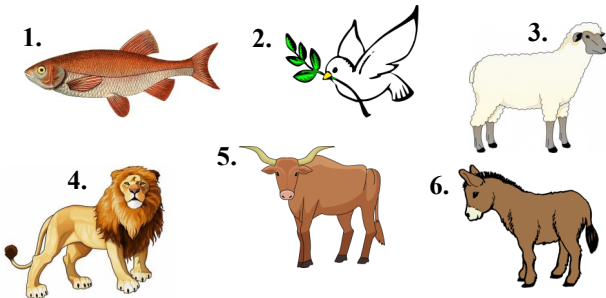
\_\_\_\_\_ : Innocence, purity, and sacrifice John 1:29

\_\_\_\_\_ : Faith & Abundance: Matthew 14:13-21

\_\_\_\_\_ : Peace & Hope: Genesis 8:11

\_\_\_\_\_ : Humility & service: Matthew 21:5

\_\_\_\_\_ : Strength, hard work, endurance, and team work: Proverbs 14:4



## Community Care Days Weekend

**June 13-14, 2025**



Community Care Days applications are in the church office and for download on our website. **Applications must be turned in no later than Friday, May 16th.**

Community Care Days is an intentional cooperative effort of local churches to minister to Warren County as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the area of home repair and maintenance.

If you would like to volunteer with this hometown ministry, please see Stan.

Last Month the Church Mouse was found:  
In the bush in front of the north church door.

## Where was the Church Mouse hiding?



## Answers

Answers to prayers  
Come in various ways,  
Sometime in minutes,  
Sometimes in days.  
And some take years  
To fully unfold  
The harvest of love  
And blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers  
Come in various forms,  
Sometimes in sunlight,  
Sometimes through storms.  
And some blossom late,  
But each one will flower-  
Have faith and wait!

-Helen Inwood

## NEWS FLASH....

The Education Committee is busy making plans for this year's VBS! Saty tuned for more information about our June VBS!

**If you would like to view the Newsletter in color then visit our website! [fairviewcenter.org](http://fairviewcenter.org)**



## Special Guest appearance from: **wRap'n wRud@lph**



Sunday, April 16th, our United Women in Faith sponsored Blanket Sunday.

Each \$10.00 donation helps purchase a blanket which provides comfort and warmth to those who are experiencing challenging times. Your donation offers hope to our neighbors who are in crisis. Think of each blanket as God's love! God's hands of warmth and comfort wrapping each recipient in love in a time where they need it the most.

For more information bout CWS, please visit their website at [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org)

"And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

**wRap'n wRud@lph** is excited to announce that **\$650.00** was collected on Blanket Sunday!

**Thank you for your generous support in this important ministry.**

FCUMC Attendance Averages for  
January, February, March and April 2025

January: 52

February: 63

March: 59

April: 61

**"Church attendance is not a duty, but a privilege. It's an opportunity to connect with God and be transformed by his grace."**

—Unknown

**When you arrive in heaven, I  
wonder if Christ might say,  
"Because of you,  
others are here today.  
wanna meet 'em?"**

Max Lucado

Fairview Center's all call system: Call-Em-All



Our Call-Em-All messaging system provides the church with the ability to notify all on the call list of important information: prayer requests, special services at the church or Pavilion, important meetings of the church, weather related announcements, etc. If the message will not play through because it is repeating, press the number **1** and that should correct the problem. If you miss a call or would like to listen to the last message sent to you call: **(877) 565-8456**.

If you are not receiving the calls and would like to be on the call list, please let the church office know and your phone number will be entered into the system. Email your name and phone number to: [fairviewcenter@gmail.com](mailto:fairviewcenter@gmail.com) or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR AMAZING YOUTH!



## Jayden competes in the IESA Solo/Ensemble

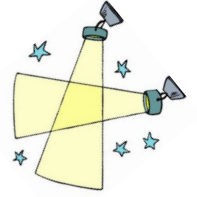
Jayden Kunkle took part in the IESA Solo/Ensemble Contest at Rockridge Jr. High School on Saturday, April 5th. Jayden is a 6th grader at ICS School.

Jayden received a 1 Rating at contest in both Piano Solo and Woodwind Solo, playing the Alto Saxophone.. For the Piano Solo Jayden played "Knight Rupert" by Robert Schumann. For Jayden's saxophone performance he played "Meadowlark" and was accompanied by Stan Jenks.

### *Congratulations Jayden!*

"Talent comes from God. If you have been given some, then value it, cultivate it, work and develop it.

Denzel Washington



## Easter Sunday



Our Church Mouse was excited for Easter Sunday and was found visiting some of our Sunday School Classes. Enjoy the picture album the Church Mouse took with our **AWESOME** youth!



The next stop the Church Mouse took was to Alyce Jenks' Early Elementary class. The Church Mouse was happy to see Ava, Alyce, and Hayden!



The Church Mouse ended his outing by visiting Emma, Nicole & Melissa's High School Class. The class just finished an Easter Egg Hunt! Rumor has it one egg is still hidden. The Church Mouse will be looking forward to finding this lost egg! Pictured with Melissa, Nicole, Emma are: Aiden, Peyton, Cohen, Nolan, Delaney, Ada, Cameron, and Emma.

The Church Mouse's first visit was to the Confirmation Class. The class was eager to take a break from their studies to pose with the Church Mouse. Easton, Mason, Owen, Laikyn, Carsyn, Jayden, and Abby pose with Pastor Mark.



**Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?**

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### Fairview Center United Methodist Church

#### May Events

**Thursday, May 1st:** Eugene & Marcelyn Miller Scholarship applications are due to Pastor Mark.

**Sunday, May 4th:** Holy Communion Sunday. Guest speaker will be Veronica Miller. Veronica will be speaking on her recent missionary trip to South Africa.

**Sunday, May 11th:** Confirmation & Promotion/Graduation Recognition Sunday. There will be a cake celebration following the church service.

**Friday, May 16th:** Community Care Days applications are due.

