

Headwaters Newsletter

His Church is not a building or a physical location. It is a living, breathing, holy temple built with living stones.



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"I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we are glad to have 2020 in the review mirror. That being true this Sunday we are going to look ahead to 2021 and our plans to reopen various ministries that we have furloughed. We want to remind you of where we have been, where we are going, and why we are going there. See you Sunday!"

John Suciu Senior Pastor Coronavirus Update

Wednesday Night Ministries Resume, Move to Wells Street

We are excited to announce that Wednesday Night Ministries will resume February 3rd, and move to our Wells Street Campus for the first time!

Nursery, Awana, Youth, and STEPS Classes will be offered.

We will be offering "Masks Required Options" for Awana and Youth. Be sure to register so we can plan for the appropriate spaces and leaders for each group.

Seating will be socially distanced, and we will maintain our cleaning and hand-washing protocols.

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Ministry Spotlight

It's Time to Nominate Deacons

The word deacon comes from the Greek word *diakonos* which refers to being a servant.

Responsibilities

To function as a council of biblically-qualified men to attend to the physical needs of the local body.

Qualifications

1 Timothy 3:8-13 "Deacons likewise must be dignified, not doubletongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then

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Deacons continued

let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

Their Goal

To minister and serve the body of Christ. Deacons serve orphans, widows, and any other families in need with a focus on Headwaters families.

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

At Headwaters, what do Deacons do?

- Meet monthly on Sunday evenings
- Communion Prep* | Team of two. Once a month
- Serve Communion
- Deacon of the Day* (DOD) Teams of two at each location. Sunday morning rotation.
- Count Offering* | Teams of two. Once a month
- Food Pantry* | Serving families on Sundays or Wednesday nights
- Baptism Prep | Assist those being baptized.
- Caring in Action (CIA) | Distributing benevolence funds to Headwaters families in need.
- **Annual Church Picnic** Planning, setup, and cleanup
- Thanksgiving Dinner | Setup and teardown.
- Widows | Meet various needs
- Projects | Various project to help Headwaters families
- * There are currently 25 deacons that spread this work out. The items above with an asterisk are regular scheduled assignments that a deacon can choose to participate in one or two of them. The rest are an all-hands-on-deck approach to serving.

Deacon Wives

The wives of deacons also have directions from Timothy:

"Their wives likewise must be dianified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all thinas."

Married Deacons serve with their wife and she should also understand the expectations.

Appointments

Deacons are nominated by the church membership each year. Nominees are affirmed by the Elders after proper vetting per biblical qualifications.

All prospective Deacons are subjected to "Yes or No" vote by the membership. (Simple majority vote needed).

Terms are 3 years. Men may be re-nominated for successive terms. The number of Deacons is driven by the size of the congregation.

If you are a member, please be sure to fill out a NOMINATION **FORM in the Fover Sunday Jan 10 & 17.**

You may also nominate a treasurer and clerk.



Wednesdays | 6:30-8pm | Wells Street

Feb 3- Apr 28

Relationships:
A mess worth making



In conjunction with HomeGroups

HomeGroups Join STEPS

Those who participated in HomeGroups are encouraged to attend this class and sit together as a HomeGroup. Anyone interested may also join at this time. **Class will meet in the Chapel.**

"Relationships: A mess worth making" is a book by Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane that focuses on connecting the truth of who God is to how Christians should live together. It is an accessible book with short chapters that will provide a great foundation from which relationships can grow.

If you do not have a book already from participating in HomeGroups, the cost is \$5/ book.



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Financial Peace
- Ken & Rosa Liston | \$40

Money Matters

Discover the truth about money and build lifelong habits. Learn to budget, save, and pay off debt faster with a step-by-step plan that works. Dump debt. Communicate in marriage. Win with money. Plan for your future.

Taught by Ken and Rosa Liston

Cost: \$40

Room 112 (lower level Wells Street)



In-Person Awana Resumes

We need everyone interested in participating in Awana—whether in-person, or virtual—to register... even if you already registered in the fall. You don't have to pay if previously registered, but any one joining us for the first time this school-year, will need to pay the appropriate fees. (If you're not sure, you may select \$0 and discuss with Shirley at Awana.)

Class Offerings:

We are offering a "Masks-Required" and a "Masks Optional" option for Cubbies, Sparks & T&T. Masks will not be required for Puggles (formerly Lil'Lights). A Zoom option for all ages will also be available through April.



Wednesdays 6:30-8pm | Wells Street

Register online or with App for the "Masks Required Option" | Jr & Sr High

Masks-Required Option Available

If you are interested in attending Youth Group where everyone is wearing masks, this option is for you.

Jr. High and Sr. High will be combined for this option.

Same great activities. Same great lessons. Same great leaders.

Let us know you're coming, so we know how big of a room to reserve for this group! ■



SR. HIGH YOUTH WINTER "STAY-TREAT"

ITIS HAPPENING

Yes! We are having a Winter Retreat!***

This year will be a little different but will still be filled with memories. We will be doing a "Staytreat" at Wells Street February 5-7. This will be for Sr. High only. (Don't worry, Jr. High, there is something coming for you!)

WHAT WE'LL DO

The Stay-Treat will include epic games of hide-andseek and a Nerf war throughout the whole building!

We will study The Spiritual Disciplines of Faith, have an opportunity to serve our church, and end with the Super Bowl.

This will be a great retreat for your student to grow in knowledge, develop habits that are honoring to the Lord, and build new friendships along the way.

The cost is only \$20 which covers the cost of food and a cool hoodie!

OVER NIGHT DETAILS

Sleeping arrangements on Friday night will have guys and girls on separate floors of the church building sleeping in classrooms with adult supervision. We encourage your student to bring an air mattress, their own pillow, sleeping bag, or whatever your student needs to sleep.

There will be an opportunity for your student to shower on Friday night if they would like, we will be busing students to our Wallen Road location to shower for those interested.

*** This will be a mask-optional event. We will take any symptoms shown during the event seriously. If you are concerned at all about this large of a group and the potential of covid, then we ask that you weigh the risks and decide if it is a good idea for your family.

QUESTIONS

Please email Jon Dammeyer at jdammeyer@
headwaterschurch.org for the food menu or with any questions or concerns.

SCHEDULE

FRI, FEB 5

Arrive at 6pm Sleep at Church!

SAT. FEB 6

Wake up at Church! Go home at 9pm

SUN, FEB7

Go to church with your family Stay after Church* Leave after Super Bowl** *We will bus students to Wells Street from Wallen Road

**There will be another session, an unforgettable Nerf war, and a Super Bowl Party—which will probably end at 11:30, but since it's a school night you can pick up anytime.

Please continue PRE-REGISTER FOR SERVICES

JAN 10

On-line streaming available ONLY on



Starts LIVE at 9 am





HEADWATERS Church

Business Meeting

Jan 31 | 12:30 pm | Wallen Road





Deacon, Treasurer, & Clerk Nominations | Jan 10 & 17

Forms are available for **Members** in the Foyer



If you are joining us from home...

May we pray

for you?

Communication
Card Online

Headwaterschurch.org under RESOURCES

Safe Families for Children

THE MINISTRY

As part of the national movement of Safe Families for Children, SFFC Northeast Indiana was launched in February of 2013 by a small team of dedicated volunteers with a passion to glorify God through the care of vulnerable families in our community.

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a collaboration among local churches, Christian families and individuals, and community agencies designed to help families in crisis by giving them a network of support. Volunteer Host Families, recruited through local churches, provide parents with a loving home where they can safely place their children while getting back on their feet. Family Coaches come alongside parents during the hosting, giving them support and mentorship. Through its dedicated volunteers, SFFC helps to prevent child abuse, keep children out of foster care, stabilize families, and share the light and hope of Christ in our communities.

THE MOTIVATION

The heart of Safe Families for Children is welcoming the stranger. This is biblical hospitality, which was a key strategy for The Church during the first five centuries. As The Church welcomed the vulnerable of society, people were drawn to Jesus. Our Father brought us near and turned us from strangers into family (Ephesians 2:12-19), and we are to do the same for those who are disconnected around us.

THE IMPACT

As the Church lives out biblical hospitality through Safe Families, we are able to help prevent child abuse and neglect, deflect children from the foster care system, and help strengthen and stabilize families. The Church is empowered to reclaim its role as the change agent in society for these hurting families instead of relying on government and private agencies. Our ultimate goal is to share the love, hope, and gospel of Christ with our neighbors.

THE URGENCY

The time is now to engage with Safe Families for Children! Since our beginning in 2013, our local site has arranged over 700 hostings and has mobilized hundreds of volunteers from local churches.

Jesus said in Matthew 25 "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." When the disciples asked about this statement, Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

NEEDS:

- Frozen Meals
- Meal Ingredients

You can drop off donations at the Welcome Center or at the Church Office labeled "FOR SAFE FAMILIES."

VOLUNTEER:

Become a Family Coach

Many of us know that being a parent is hard, and when you add the struggles of single parenting, homelessness, lack of support, and poverty it can become overwhelming.

Our Family Coaches come alongside struggling parents and help them find the resources and referrals they need to support their families. Do you have a heart for this kind of ministry or know of someone who does? If you're interested in the Family Coach role, please contact Ranetta Wiley at rwiley@safefamilies. net. We hope this can be an amazing opportunity for you to share the love of Christ!

Click <u>HERE</u> to get more information or to help support current Host Families

"Since Safe Families started, members of our church have been supporting families in crisis in many ways. Our church has supported 78 families by providing beds for 130 kids and loving on them. Not only that, but our volunteers providing their homes, resources, transportation, family coaching, and the many other supporting roles, includes over 40 family groups. Thank you to parents and kids alike for opening your homes, hearts, and hands to serve through Safe Families. We couldn't do this without you!"

- Nicole Capriglione Headwaters Safe Families Site Director

Pick up your Color-by-Number **Coloring Page**

Website You'll find this Kid's Worship Notes under RESOURCES on our website.

Center and on our

Available at Welcome





noon-12:30pm | Wallen Road

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Grant & Tali Smith on the birth of their daughter, Olive Frances born on Dec. 30th at 9:09 am. Olive weighs 10 lbs. 3 oz. and is 21 1/2" long. She joins her siblings Haven (6), Asa (4) and Nova (2).





Let us know!

Email Jim: jglover@ **headwaters**





Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out an online Communication Card on our website.

Giving Totals

2020 End of Year Giving \$107,462 2020 YTD General Giving \$2,104,213 2020 Weekly General Budget \$36,875 2020 YTD General Budget \$1,917,500

· cereal

· chili

beef stew

· body wash · hand soap

· toilet paper

Last Week General Giving \$5,159 2021 YTD General Giving \$5,159 2021 Weekly General Budget TBD 2021 YTD General Budget TBD

Amplify Giving* **Sunday Attendance** 2020 End of Year Giving \$3,890 Wallen Road 9am 64 2020 YTD Giving \$257,435 Wallen Road 10:45am 167 Last Week Giving \$106 Wells Street 9am 216 \$106 Wells Street 10:45am 2021 YTD Giving 81 Total Amplify Fund Giving \$975,707 Total

*The Amplify Fund is a building fund for preparing our new facility at 2000 N. Wells Street for current & future ministries.

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