

Headwaters Newsletter

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



“Let your father and
mother be glad;
let her who bore
you rejoice.”
– Proverbs 23:22-25

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In this unique time let's strive to seek opportunities to show God's love and assurance. A kind word, a smile, or a note can be a blessing to encourage someone, ask God to use you to bless others. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Dennis Delanoy
Deacon

Coronavirus Update

Services Resume May 24

We will resume gathering to worship together at both locations beginning Sunday, May 24. We will continue our recent remote/virtual gatherings for these next two weeks (5/10 & 5/17) as the Elders, Staff, Deacons, and ministry volunteers finish preparations to safely resume gathering.

As we come back together, we will take several precautions, including limiting the number of people at each gathering and continuing to offer Livestream for viewing the Sunday messages for those who are not able or not comfortable gathering together just yet. We'll also take measures to disinfect high contact items/areas and change how we do a few things like take offerings and distribute communion.

See the **4 for Four** section on page 2 of this newsletter for more specific details. ■



4 for Four

4 options | 4 weeks

Four Weeks:

May 24 | May 31 | June 7 | June 14

Four Options:

- 1 **Livestream** from Home
- 2 **8:30am | Wallen Road | 300 max**
- 3 **10am | Wells Street | 250 max**
- 4 **11:30am | Wallen Road | 300 max**

You are welcome to bring your **children** to service with you. We will also be providing childcare for birth through age 5, with classrooms not exceeding 10 persons.

All other ministry such as ABFs, Youth, AWANA, Twenty-Somethings, Men's & Women's Ministries, etc. will continue using Zoom meetings for the most part.

Sign up:

In order to provide evenly distributed attendance of our services and adequately prepare our children's department, please let us know **EACH WEEK** what service you and each member of your family will be attending on Sunday or if you plan to watch via Livestream. **You can sign up using the Church Center App or by going to our [website](#).**

Precautions:

When to Stay Home

Choosing when to resume attending in person is a decision that each person/family must make for themselves.

If you believe, due to age or overall state of health that COVID-19 presents a particularly grave risk to you or anyone in your family, or if you are simply not comfortable attending in person for any reason regardless of the precautions we're taking, please stay home and worship with us via Livestream

Also, if you have reason to believe that you or anyone coming to church with you has been directly exposed to the COVID-19 virus in the past two weeks, or have/has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or other flu-like symptoms, please do not come to church. Rather, worship with us via Livestream.

Young Children

If you have young children (birth to age 5), **we ask that you take each child's temperature** shortly before leaving for church to confirm they do not have a fever. If your child's temperature is 100.4°F or higher, you should not bring that child to church.

Upon arrival at the **Children's Check-in desk**, you will be asked to confirm that any child you are admitting to class does not have a fever, cold, or flu-like symptoms.

If you have not taken your child's temperature, a Children's Ministry worker will use a touchless digital thermometer to verify that your child's temperature is

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below 100.4°F.

Social Distancing

We will all respect each other's tolerance for proximity to one another, and default to **generally maintaining 6 feet** of distance unless the people indicate otherwise.

Despite our best intentions, we all need to understand that as we pass by one another in **smaller spaces** such as near doorways, in restrooms, etc., we will momentarily come within six feet of each other.

If you believe this presents an uncomfortable/unacceptable risk to you and/or your family, please know that we understand that you may want to continue to stay at home and worship with us remotely. (But we hope you will be able to join us soon!)

In the sanctuary, family/household groups should leave three empty chairs (or an aisle) between other groups. Every other row of seating will be closed for a given service and reserved for use by the next service.

We will dismiss attendees from the sanctuary by section to reduce crowding in doorways and hallways.

While we will not require attendees/volunteers to wear **face masks** or other personal protection equipment, we welcome all who choose to do so.

We will forgo greeting by **shaking hands**.

The **Coffee Shop** will remain closed.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

We will not hand out a bulletin or print communication. The newsletter will continue to be available by Saturday at 7pm on

our website. There you can also find the **sermon notes**, which can be printed out at home and brought with you.

Cleaning/Disinfecting

Restrooms will be serviced and (fixtures, counters, etc.) treated with disinfectant between each service.

Chairs will be treated with disinfectant each week

Children's toys will be washed and/or treated with a disinfectant after use by each group of children.

Other **high-contact items** will be washed and/or treated with a disinfectant at least each week.

Collection of Offerings

We strongly encourage the use of our **Church Center application** for online giving. It greatly reduces manual counting required by the Deacons. If the ACH option is chosen, the transaction fee is very minimal (\$0.25).

We will not pass **offering plates** to collect offerings brought to church. Rather, offerings may be dropped in the offering boxes mounted near the doors at the rear of the sanctuary at both sites.

Communion

When we next have communion, we will make **packaged elements** available for pick up in the foyers prior to the service.

Communication

We encourage you to make our website your primary means of communicating any needs and requests with us.

An **online Communication Card** is easily filled out on our website under the Resources tab on our homepage.

Paper Communication Cards will also be available on the seat in front of each row. You may complete a cards and place them in the basket in the rear of the sanctuary.

Any future changes will be communicated on our **website** and in our weekly **newsletter**. Check these each week to keep up to date on Headwater's ministry news. ■



Choose your Service

In order to provide evenly distributed attendance of our services and adequately prepare our children's department, please let us know what service you and each member of your family will be attending this Sunday or if you plan to watch via Livestream.

Go to our [website](#) or the **Church Center App** today and sign up for which service option you plan to attend. ■

Prayer Calendar

May 11-May 16

Specific prayer requests from these individuals can be found on a printable sheet on our website under the Prayer Calendar tab on our CHURCH AT HOME page or at the end of this newsletter.

Sunday: Aubri Rench – Lakewood Park Christian School

Monday: Diana Schrock – Lutheran Hospital Emergency Department

Tuesday: Knichloas Middleton – Homestead High School

Wednesday: David Brooks – Carroll High School

Thursday: Donna Ashcroft – Franke Park Elementary School

Friday: Marcy Winterholter – Lakewood Park Christian School

Saturday: Miranda Ewing – Lakewood Park Christian School

Brianna Johnson – IU Health Bloomington

Adult Bible Fellowship

SUMMER HUDDLES

Summer Huddles—a chance to begin gathering in person or virtually

Check out the following description and video, then sign up via the link below.

Hope to see you there!

Headwaters Church's Summer Huddles are groups of 8-10 adults that will meet once a month during the summer (May through August).

The groups will meet in people's homes and have a meal together with the purpose of building relationships. There may also be a Zoom option.

This is NOT a Bible study and there is no preparation required, this is simply a time set aside to do life together.

You don't have to be in an ABF already to join. This is a great way to get plugged into an ABF! ■

Sign up on the Church Center App
or our website by: **May 17**

[Video Intro](#)
[Sign Me Up!](#)

Birth Announcement

Congratulations

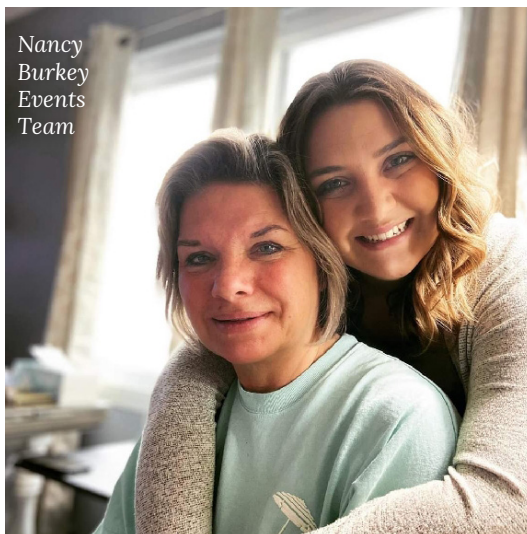
Congratulations to Chad and Malinda Pagel on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rose Pagel, born April 30 at 4:34am. She weighed 8lb 14oz and was 21 inches long. She joins big brother, James (2 ½).



Headwaters Church Safe Families Volunteers

Last week several Headwaters Safe Families volunteers were inadvertently left out of the newsletter. We want to celebrate what God has done through the generous giving of time and resources. Thank you, Headwaters Church. ■

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Events
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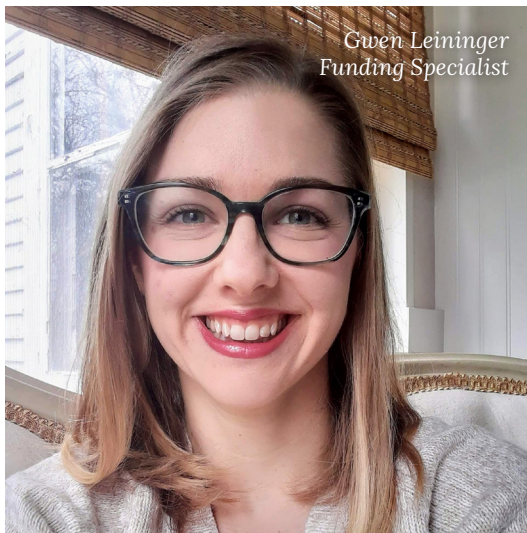


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In this time of social isolation, we find ourselves alone more often than usual. We don't know what to do with our new found alone time. In the gospels, we often see Jesus alone. We repeatedly see Him intentionally go off by himself. Why? To pray. Luke 5:16 tells us, 'Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.' Take some of your extra alone time this week in prayer. Take time to praise Him for providing certainty in uncertain times. Ask Him to be preparing you for the opportunities He has ahead of you.

Eric Potter, Elder

“Fill a box” Food Drive

Thank you SO MUCH for the way that you jumped in feet and heart first with this food drive.

Last week about 100 boxes were picked up to be filled! Monetary donations are also accepted if you can't make it to the store.

Fort Wayne United and J29 HOPE have announced the “Fill a box” Food Drive has been extended until **May 22**.

HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:



Packing / Shopping List
and Food Drive Details
can be found on **page 11**

Shop to Fill Boxes:

- Monetary donations have been made for Headwaters to purchase food for boxes. If you would like to do the shopping for us, email Jeannie Fredrick at coverholt@headwaterschurch.org.

Pick up a Box and Fill it:

- We have another 100 boxes ready for you to fill!
- Stop in at Headwaters Wallen Road (Door #1), **Mon-Thur, May 11-15 & 18-22, 9-4pm** for pick-up/drop off.

Staff Pick-up / Drop-off Times at Headwaters:

- If you are interested in handing out and accepting boxes for us at the church for any length of time, email Jeannie Fredrick at coverholt@headwaterschurch.org.

Help* with Distribution Day (5/12):

J29 HOPE is going to be distributing the first 350 boxes this **Tuesday, May 12**, at the Villages of Hanna Apartment Complex.

We would like to have several representatives from our church to show Fort Wayne that this is truly a community event. **If you are interested in helping with Distribution Days, email Christine Overholt at coverholt@headwaterschurch.org to sign up.** See details below.

You can: Check in the guests, hand out food, help move boxes, do assorted tasks that may pop up, or pray with those in the local community who may need it in the “Prayer Tent.”

Schedule:

- **Noon** | Arrive at Villages of Hanna | 2177 Eden St, Fort Wayne
- **12pm-1pm** | Set up for food giveaway | Learn about J29
- **1pm-2pm** | Give out food boxes to Hanna Community
- **2pm-3pm** | Give boxes to any stragglers that show up | move left over boxes to storage unit on site

****Volunteers need to be over 16 yrs old, not in the high risk group for COVID-19, and bring their own masks and gloves (to be worn the entire time!)*

Headwaters Women

We have had several events affected by the pandemic. Below you'll find details on the rescheduled dates. Perhaps if you were unable to go previously, you can join us on these new dates.



Refresh was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14th and was the first event affected by COVID19 restrictions. It was rescheduled to Saturday, May 9th and now will experience yet another postponement. **The new date for Refresh is Saturday, July 18, from 9am-1pm.**

Once all details are finalized, the event will once again be open for new registrations and those previously registered will be asked how they would like to proceed. More information will be shared soon! Thanks for your patience and understanding!



Around 40 women anticipated attending TGCW2020 in June. **This event has been rescheduled to April 9-11, 2021.** This change may make it possible for you to attend. You can follow this

link for more information:
thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw20.

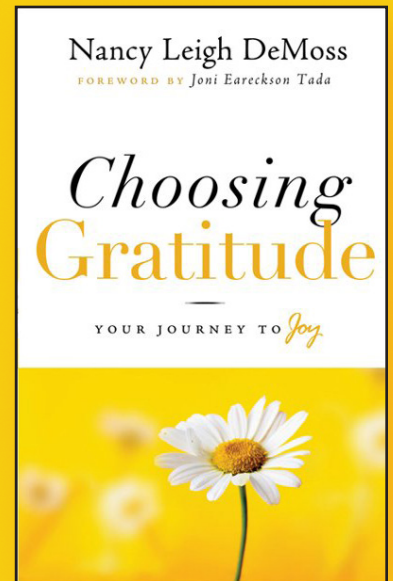
If you decide to register, you can use the code, HEADWATERS, for an additional discount. Further lodging and transportation arrangements will not be made until closer to the event. If you do decide to register, please email Christine Overholt, at coverholt@headwaterschurch.org, so you can be included in our group correspondence.

Exalt is a conference hosted



by Lakewood Park church and was to be held in May. Several Headwaters women had planned to attend. **The conference is rescheduled to August 28-29.** Carol Kent is one of the featured speakers and this will be a worthwhile event.

For more information visit: exaltwomensconference.com. Registration, transportation and arrangements are left to individual participants. ■



Summer Book Study—Let's Read Together!

Last summer we had over 120 ladies participate in our first ever summer book study. *The goal of our summer study is to focus the minds and hearts of Headwaters women around a common biblical theme while providing the opportunity for fellowship and accountability.*

With summer schedules and vacations varied, the choice of a book study is intentional. We will resume Bible studies in the fall when we can meet more consistently. In the meantime, let's not let summer get away from us without some focused study!

THE BOOK: This summer we will be reading, ["Choosing Gratitude – Your Journey to Joy."](#) by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. With current world circumstances being what they are, there's no better time to embrace the topic of gratitude.

Growing Your Faith

WRITTEN BY KIM PLATTNER

Last fall, Women's Ministry launched Growth Groups with the desire to help the women of Headwaters Church grow in their walk with the Lord. As women gathered monthly in small groups throughout the school year, we enjoyed fellowship around the truths of the Word and were encouraged to pursue wholehearted love and devotion to Jesus Christ. *Growing Your Faith* by Jerry Bridges taught us to root our efforts to grow spiritually in the foundation of grace and to continually depend on Christ's righteousness and the Holy Spirit's power as we practice the means of growth God has given us.

As our first season wraps up for a summer break, we are thankful for the fruit God has grown in women's spiritual lives and relationships, and we eagerly anticipate a new season beginning in the fall. We welcome you to join us as we look to Christ together to grow us in deeper relationship with Him and each other. Watch for details to come this summer! ■



My Growth Group has been awesome this year. As we have met, I learned to love five other women with whom I had never had fellowship

spiritually or even socially. As I prepared for the meetings each month and then we discussed the chapters of our book, I was reminded once again what Jesus had prayed in the garden, "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do" (John 17:4). I praise the Lord for each lady in my group who has been an encouragement to me as we all desire to strive to bring glory to our Lord by doing the task He has asked us to do, such as be in His Word, pray, and encourage others.

Carol Bergmeier

As a newer member at Headwaters, Growth Groups have been a blessing to me. It is helping me to become better acquainted with other women while studying and learning from each other how to continually apply God's word to our lives. I am thankful that we can never stop learning and growing, no matter our age.

Jane
Neer



First of all, the book was splendid to read. Its forthrightness in laying out our reality in God's eyes and our value in Him, as well as our responsibilities as His children, was a huge encouragement this year.

Second, our group was awkward at times, but I loved seeing the faces of the other sisters in Christ and knowing that we were all here to grow in our Lord as we grew in friendship with each other. The group pushed us to be real with each other and to get past the "I need to know this person is trustworthy before I let myself be vulnerable" and instead to trust CHRIST and love each other. I am glad to call each person that was in my group now my friend, and know I could reach out to any of them and know they would pray for me, give me godly advice, and be a wise voice in a sea of fools :)



Gracie Dusseau



The thing that excites me as we begin Growth Groups in the fall is the chance to go deep with a new group of 5 women. I LOVED getting to know my group this year! Then I realized that if Headwaters had started growth groups 20 years ago, and if I had done one every year, I would have connected with 100 different women on that deeper spiritual level than I may otherwise have had opportunity to. I hope women embrace the mixing up of groups as a wonderful opportunity to get to know more members of their church family on a deeper level for years to come.

Jen Potter

Book Study cont.

"The world tells us that annoyances and afflictions cause discouragement and doubt—and that we are right to demand our own way. Then there are circumstances that aren't what we wish or even what we think we need, and suddenly we're convinced life hurts. The only option we have is to protest or whine – or so it seems. But what if we responded with worship instead? What if we moved beyond an occasional "thank you" to cultivate a lifestyle of appreciating God's goodness every day of our lives – despite the circumstances?"

True gratitude is not an incidental ingredient in the Christian's life. It's a crucial one."

The cost for the book is \$10. We will put in a group order after the enrollment deadline.

STUDY OPTIONS: There are several ways to participate. The goal is to get this resource in to the hands of as many Headwaters women as possible. We have found it is very unifying when we all study the same topic together!

1. **Join a study group.** Several small group options are available with a variety of days and times. If you can't make all the meetings, no worries! Come when you can.
2. **Join an online group.** If you can't meet in person, virtual meetings are an option.
3. **Purchase the book and read on your own.** Group meetings may not work for everyone. There is still benefit to reading what other Headwaters women are reading. Last summer's book was a catalyst for many informal discussions throughout the year.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Summer Book Study will begin **Sunday, May 17** and run through **Sunday, May 24**. During the next week, contemplate participating and check your calendars to determine if a day or evening time will work better for you.

Registration details will be available in the newsletter next Saturday and will also be available via our website and facebook page. We hope you will consider joining us! ■



Reduce Online Transaction Fees

Thank you all for your flexibility in adopting many recent changes, including giving online on [Church Center](#) or through the Church Center App. We encourage you use the **ACH option**, which substantially reduces transaction fees. ■

Church at Home Photos from YOU!



The Gruber family enjoying s'more time outside with Flat Jimmy.



Eden and Ellie Arnold plant a garden with plants they grew from seeds.



Missions Update

Emergency Assistance for Myanmar

WRITTEN BY KHAM MUNG,
MISSIONARY TO MYANMAR

We thanked and praised God for the Headwaters Church families, the leadership, and the Mission Committee, for providing a huge assistance upon our family and the CrossLife Mission Church families in Myanmar.

We have opportunities to share and help 50 families by the emergency fund which the Mission Committee has provided us.

These families are seriously facing essential food and other daily needs shortages due to the Covid-19. They do not have any incomes since the lockdowns and stay home order by the government.

Your fervent prayers and

generous financial helps have blessed these 50 households tremendously.

The things we bought and donated are: rice, potato, red lentil bean, cooking oil, hand sanitizer, washing soap, and bathing soap, canned milk, milo, Ovaltine, and salt.

It was a great miracle for them knowing that God answered their prayers through the Headwaters Families.

Some of the families have no more rice to cook when we gave them. Most of them have teared their eyes as they shared their thankfulness to God and to the Headwaters church.

Some of the families are not Christians. They are Buddhist families. We have opportunities

to share the love of God to them as we gave them.

Thank you so much for everything you have done for the LORD in this Covid-19 crisis in Myanmar.

God is really using you as individuals and the Headwaters Church as a whole. We praise God for what He has done in and through us in our mission works. ■



Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request Form on our website.

Giving Totals

Last Week General Giving \$28,127
Weekly General Budget \$36,875

Amplify Giving*

Last Week Giving \$949
2020 YTD Giving \$77,877

YTD General Giving \$651,453
YTD General Budget \$663,750

"Chapel Phase" Goal \$250,000
Total "Chapel" Giving \$166,421
Remaining Needed \$83,579
Total Amplify Fund Giving \$800,166

*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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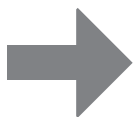


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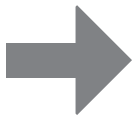


The local COVID-19 crisis has created a dire food shortage situation for many families in the Fort Wayne area. Headwaters Church is partnering with Fort Wayne United and the Ten Point Coalition to collect and distribute boxes of non-perishable foods to the Weisser Park, Oxford, and Villages of Hanna communities, as well as others in the Fort Wayne area.

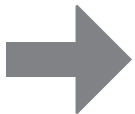
- Step 1:** Pick up a box from Headwaters Wallen Road (Door #1)
- Step 2:** Each box will cost around \$30 to pack and must be filled with the specific items requested below.
- Step 3:** Include a note of encouragement, favorite Bible verse, or other personalized item meant to inspire the recipients and let them know that they are loved.
- Step 4:** Bring your filled box back to Wallen Road (Door #1)



In order to ensure consistency between the boxes, please pack as close to this specific list as possible.



We have made sure that everything on the list will fit in the provided box.



Taping the bottom of the box is suggested but not required. Please do not tape the top of the box closed.

Shopping List

- 1 lb of spaghetti noodles
- 1 can of pasta sauce
- 5 packs of ramen noodles
- 2 cans of chicken
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of fruit in light syrup
- 1 box of mixed flavors of oatmeal
- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 2 packets of cheddar and broccoli rice
- 2 packets of chicken flavored rice
- 1 pack of 8 peanut butter crackers
- 1 box of cereal bars

Filled boxes can be returned to:

Headwaters Wallen Road (Door #1) | Mon-Thur | 9am-4pm | May 11-15 & 18-22

Thank you for your support of those in need in our local community!

Prayer Calendar | May 10th – May 16th

Sunday: Aubri Rench – Lakewood Park Christian School

- Continued opportunities to connect with my students
- Balance between being available for my students and also taking care of/educating my own kids and completing other household tasks
- Trust and peace in my own heart that God is on the throne and has the future in His hands

Monday: Diana Schrock – Lutheran Hospital Emergency Department

- Deep compassion for people
- Boldness in living & sharing the gospel
- Mental agility- to think quick on my feet

Tuesday: Knichloas Middleton – Homestead High School

- Wisdom in decision making.
- Increased empathy for others needs especially at this time.
- Patience

Wednesday: David Brooks – Carroll High School

- Those students whose lives are negatively impacted by the remote learning circumstances. There are many students for whom school is their safe space, a source of consistent food, and perhaps their only opportunity to have positive interactions with adults and peers.
- The adults who have to be both parent and employee, whether teachers who have their own kids to help or other adults who have to help their children navigate the educational waters while fulfilling their own professional responsibilities.
- Those teachers and students who do not have access to technology that would allow education to continue relatively uninterrupted. For them, this remote learning is exceedingly difficult.

Thursday: Donna Ashcroft – Franke Park Elementary School

- Patience and peace for everyone.
- My students and parents struggling with at home/online learning for the first time
- Our staff. We have 53 staff and 21 of us have lost family members this year (parents, children, siblings)
- Lack of routine and interactions makes it harder for many.

Friday: Marcy Winterholter – Lakewood Park Christian School

- My students spiritually, socially and academically.
- God to use me to encourage my students and to guide them in truthful thinking rooted in God's word!

Saturday: Miranda Ewing – Lakewood Park Christian School

- My students would be encouraged and motivated as they wrap up their school year
- I would be disciplined and persevering as online learning wraps up - that I would finish the year well!
- My students and I would draw close to Christ whenever we are tempted to be overwhelmed or discouraged

Brianna Johnson – IU Health Bloomington

- Keep staff healthy and safe as we care for COVID patients.
- Mental wellness of staff as they quarantine from family and the stress of trying to provide care to patients.
- Stamina as staff is feeling worn down.