

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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Ministry Spotlight

Safe Families for Children

Headwaters Church is a lead church in Northeast Indiana for Safe Families for Children. Safe Families for Children is a movement of the Body of Christ, supporting and caring for families in crisis. Host Families provide short-term care for children while family coaches come alongside parents in an effort to prevent child abuse, keep kids out of foster care, and stabilize families while showing them the love of Christ. It is our mission to show radical biblical hospitality to strangers as commanded in [Hebrews 13:2](#).

We Need You

Below are just some ways that you can get involved. We truly believe that this ministry is designed so that there is something for EVERYONE to do.

Ministry Team

Nicole Capriglione is the Ministry Lead for Headwaters Church. This role has grown in responsibility so the decision has been made to form a Ministry Team. Team members will be responsible for interviewing potential host families, supporting a host family during a hosting, developing and maintaining the partnership between Headwaters and Safe Families Leadership Team, and

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Coronavirus Update

Church Re-Gathering Survey

As the local government continues to change its restrictions on public gatherings we will be utilizing a survey that includes several questions regarding your current feelings about returning to regular church activities.

Each adult (age 18 and older) who calls Headwaters Church home is asked to fill out this survey. (Spouses should fill it out individually).

Surveys must be completed by May 12. Click [HERE](#) for survey.

You can also find a link on our website or on the Church Center App. Thanks for your help!



Loving Your Brother or Sister in Christ Through Different Opinions on Public Health

WRITTEN BY Luke Suci

How do you love your brother or sister in Christ through difference of opinion on public health? There are a few opinions on COVID-19; have you noticed? All of those opinions have been put on steroids by the fact that a vast majority of our communication is now happening online and everyone speaks like they have the authority of a prophet as soon as they get behind a keyboard. It's been said before and bears repeating, the internet is the friend of information and the enemy of thought.

I work in a church. I had a

professor who was fond of saying, "Church is a mess worth making," and he meant that people are sinful and relationally messy but church, which is full of people, is still worth the inevitable mess. That being said, it would be wise to contemplate how we can minimize our mess and right now as the storm clouds of mess making are rolling in. Christians are to be marked by their love of God and love of neighbor . . . but that does not change the fact that Christians have opinions. My oh my do we have opinions.

And with the means of communication cards stacked against us, it is worth

considering what the best disposition is towards those who would disagree with our opinion on COVID-19. Or perhaps to put it another way, are we nullifying our witness of our love of God and neighbor in the way that we communicate our opinions on public health?

Many people believe our country has massively over reacted to this crisis. There are suggestions that everyone should have followed Sweden's approach of letting healthy people get the virus and build up herd immunity, there are those who are very concerned with the government overreach and the

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potential abuse of emergency powers, and there are those that are adamantly opposed to reopening any time soon.

It is difficult to know who is right and what concerns are the most pressing. None of this is helped by the data being questionable, deaths being recorded differently in different places, and questions on what percentage of the population has had the virus and were entirely asymptomatic. Depending on what data you encounter or who's opinion on that data you are prone to lean towards you can justifiably come to very different conclusions on how the public health moment is being handled.

[Stage left enter the body of Christ] Those opinions, and everything in between, are represented in the metaphorical pew every Sunday.

When we fire up the message boards to lambaste those foolish people, those people who think different then we think, we have to realize that our words include friendly fire within the body of Christ. In addition to that, our contempt towards difference of opinion on public health also attacks people who are not Christians and leaves a less than ideal after-taste on Christian discourse.

Our vitriolic opinions are not exactly the apex of love of neighbor.

As our Church has begun to discuss what it looks like to gather again, the wide range of opinion within our congregation has been an ongoing factor to consider. So, before we get to any decisions on reopening and

the policies that accompany those gatherings it is worth looking towards the biblical guidance on similar situations.

The shining example of opposing opinions in the New Testament revolves around eating food sacrificed to idols. The same debate can be found in Romans 14 and I Corinthians

Church is a mess worth making.

8 and, interestingly, the problem flows in different directions in each passage. In Romans 14 those who abstain from eating the food sacrificed to idols are looking on those who partake with contempt because they are eating 'unclean' food and in I Corinthians 8 those who eat are looking down on their brothers and sisters who choose not to eat because it reminds them of their past idolatry.

In one passage it is the person who eats that is casting dispersion on those who abstain and in the other passage the person who abstains casts dispersion on those who eat.

The conclusions in both passages are very similar: if your opinion on an issue of Christian freedom harms or derides someone with a different

opinion you are in the wrong. I really like the way Paul frames this in Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

So, as we start to come back together we must remember that people we love and labor for the Kingdom of God with, feel differently on the best approach to handling this virus. If you are of the opinion that this is no big deal, do not disparage those who are still cautious. If you are of the opinion that opening things back up is happening too soon, do not speak poorly of those who want to physically meet. Your priority is not to win people to your opinion, rather you should prioritize peace in the Holy Spirit.

If your opinion on an issue of Christian freedom includes an aversion towards someone holding the opposite opinion on the same issue, then your opinion has become an idol. You are holding your view in higher esteem than the body of Christ.

Your opinion on public health should not take precedent over your love of neighbor. Have an opinion, be informed, and then communicate your thoughts in such a way that your brothers and sisters in Christ who disagree with you still find the love of Christ in your words.

As the roots of the gospel press deeper into your life and the love of Christ becomes your defining characteristic, don't forget to let that love be extended to your opinions. ■

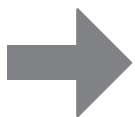
A shareable version of this article can be found on our [staff blog](#).

“Fill a box” Food Drive

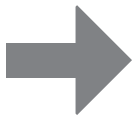


The local COVID-19 crisis has created a dire food shortage situation for many families in the Fort Wayne area. Headwaters Church is partnering with Fort Wayne United and the Ten Point Coalition to collect and distribute boxes of non-perishable foods to the Weisser Park, Oxford, and Villages of Hanna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

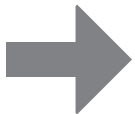
- Step 1:** Pick up a box from Headwaters Wallen Road (Door #1)
- Step 2:** Each box will cost around \$30 to pack and must be filled with the specific items requested below.
- Step 3:** Include a note of encouragement, favorite Bible verse, or other personalized item meant to inspire the recipients 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 4-7

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



Safe Families for Children

Surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community

Safe Families Continued

recruiting volunteers within Headwaters. As well, given that Headwaters is the Lead Church for Northeast Indiana, teammates will support volunteers who attend churches where there is not yet a partnership at their church. If interested in more details, please email fortwayne@safefamilies.net, or if you are ready to apply, click [HERE](#).

Host Family

A volunteer host family takes children in for parents who are in a crisis. These volunteers are the hands and feet of Christ by keeping these children safe. Many of our current host families are taking a break because of the virus but there are still calls coming and needs that need to be filled. We have a fast-track approval process for those willing to help during the COVID-19 crisis. This includes a national background check instead of fingerprinting and a virtual home evaluation. For more information and the application to get started click [HERE](#).

Family Coach

This volunteer guides and supports the host family through the hosting. As well, the coach walks alongside the parent during their crisis to hold them accountable for working on goals during the hosting and to connect them to a church and to community resources. For more information and the application to get started click [HERE](#).

We will have a Family Coach Open House on June 2 at Panera on Dupont Road. If Panera is not yet open, the meeting will be help via Zoom. For more details about becoming a family coach or about the open house, please email fortwayne@safefamilies.net.

Intake Line

These front-line volunteers answer the phone and gather information from parents about their children that need hosted. This volunteer passes the information along to the Intake Coordinator who makes the hosting decision. To get more information about this role, please contact Ashley Grimes at agrimes@safefamilies.net. If you are ready to apply, please click [HERE](#).

Intake Coordinator

This volunteer role processes the information gathered about the hosting need and matches the children to a host family. There is an urgent need for this role. To get more information about this role, please contact Ashley Grimes at agrimes@safefamilies.net. If you are ready to apply, please click [HERE](#).

Church Engagement Coordinator

This new part-time hourly position will be a key leadership role taking on the operational responsibility of growing and supporting our network of churches. This person will communicate all aspects of our ministry to decision makers and maintain a relationship with each of them. To get more information or apply, please send a resume and cover letter to bdoolittle@safefamilies.net.

Prayer Partner

Our prayer team commits to praying regularly for the ministry and receives updates via email on a weekly basis. Our prayer team also meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. at St. Joe Community Church.

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Thank you to Headwaters Prayer Coordinator, Mary Masek. To sign up for our prayer email, please email fortwayne@safefamilies.net.

Be a spokesperson

A big thank you to Headwaters Church for bringing Safe Families for Children to Northeast Indiana. If you have friends at other churches, please take a minute to share our mission with them and ask if they would introduce us to their church leadership so that we may engage them in this ministry as a partner church.

Resource Needs

To keep the financial burden down, host families are supplied with all baby gear needed. If you have gently used car seats, high chairs, etc., we will take them. We also provide each host family with diapers and wipes to use during the hosting. Each child is provided with an age-appropriate Bible, pair of new pajamas, a package of new underwear, and a package of

new socks. We are thankful for the Jubilee Ladies of Headwaters who provide a tied-fleece blanket and to the Sewing Sisters of Headwaters who provide a handmade, embroidered pillow case. Our current needs are published weekly in the **Weekly Wednesday Prayer Email** fortwayne@safefamilies.net to sign up.

Homemade Frozen Meals

If interested in making homemade frozen meals for our host families while they host or providing ingredients so that meals can be prepared by a volunteer, please contact Karen Pearson atkaren@itmatters2u.com.

New Volunteer Training

Next training dates are scheduled for September 12 and November 14. Please sign up [HERE](#) for a deeper dive into our ministry to the vulnerable families in our community. Attending training does not commit you to a specific role or requirement to host. ■

Safe Families Northeast Indiana 2019 Statistics

of Host Families

47 - seven new in 2019

of Church Partners

11 - two new in 2019

of Total Site Churches

42 - six new in 2019

45 Families Served

92 Children Served

117 Total Hostings

Average Length of Stay

19 Days

8
2

of children
turned away
last year because
we didn't have
enough volunteers
to host them.

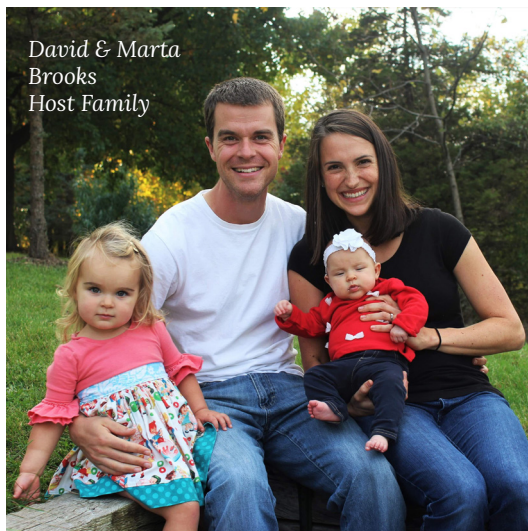
*"And my God will
supply every need of
yours according to
his riches in glory in
Christ Jesus. To our
God and Father
be glory forever
and ever. Amen."*
- Philippians 4:19-20



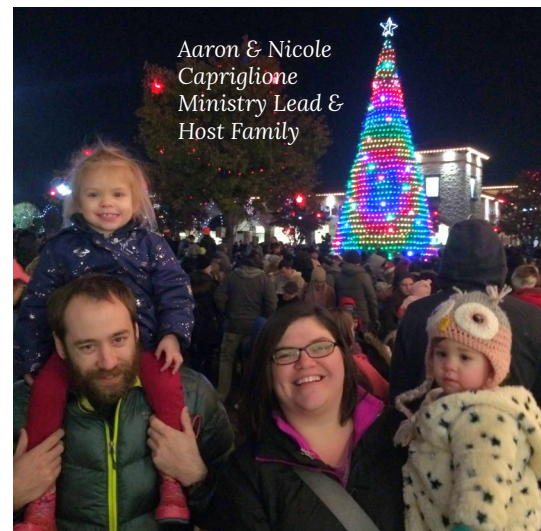
Safe Families
for Children



Audrey
Adair
Resource
Closet
Manager



David & Marta
Brooks
Host Family



Aaron & Nicole
Capriglione
Ministry Lead &
Host Family

Headwaters Church Safe Families Volunteers



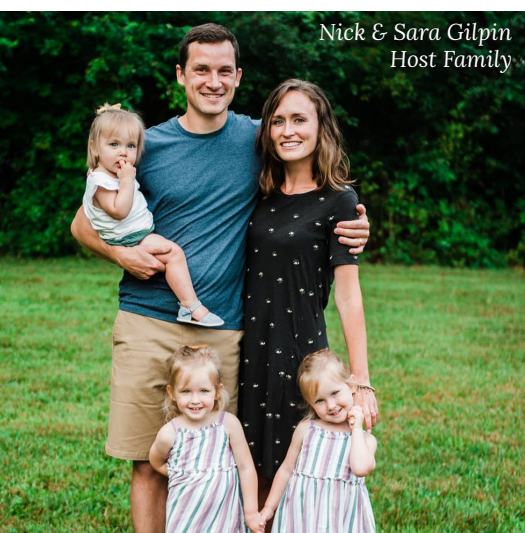
Steve & Gayle Chobot
Resource Runners



Scott & Bonnie Doolittle
Director of Northeast
Indiana & Host Family



Jim & Sharon
Fleener
Resource
Coordinator
& Resource
Runner



Nick & Sara Gilpin
Host Family



Ashly Grimes
Intake
Supervisor



Beth Herber
Intake Line

Headwaters Church Safe Families Volunteers

Janelle Hicks
Intake Line



Maria Kimes
Childcare & Transportation



Joe & Mary Masek
Leadership Council Member,
Prayer Coordinator, Transportation



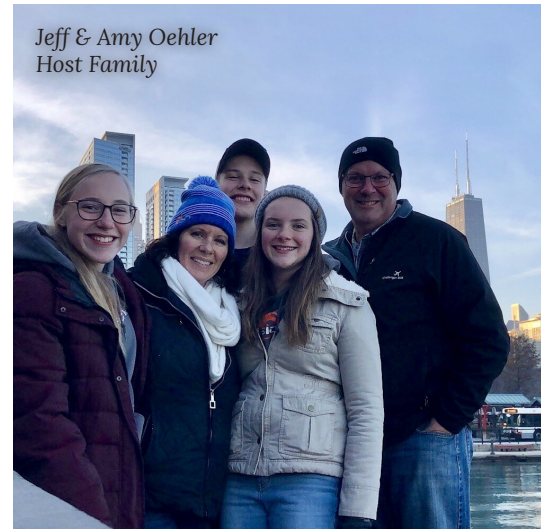
Deb Middleton
Intake Line



Sean & Molly Miller
Host Family



Jeff & Amy Oehler
Host Family



Joy Pearson
Resource Runner



Karen Pearson
Meal Coordinator &
Resource Runner



Dana & Kim Plattner
Leadership Council Member
& Host Family

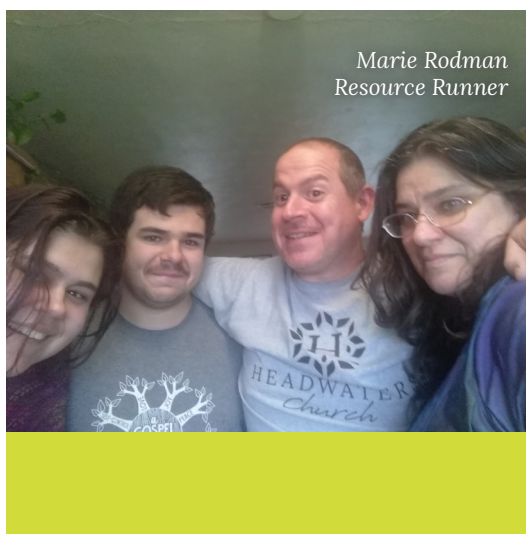


"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9 NIV



Eric & Jen Potter
Host Family



Marie Rodman
Resource Runner



Troy & Jennifer Schrock
Childcare & Leadership Council Member

Navy Schrock
Communications
Coordinator

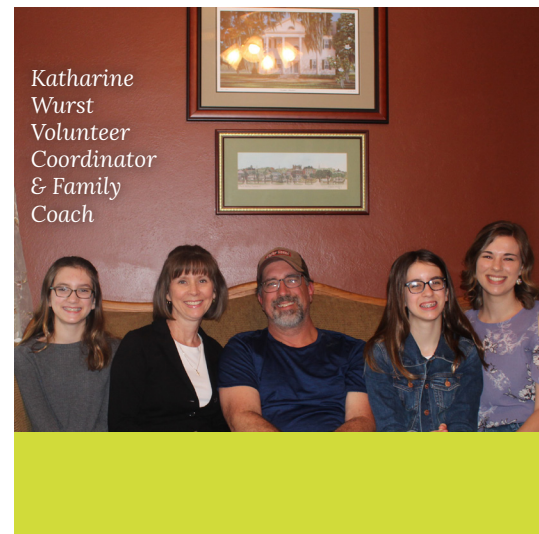
Headwaters Church Safe Families Volunteers



Amy Suci
Transportation



Geoff & Sarah Velpel
Transportation



Katharine
Wurst
Volunteer
Coordinator
& Family
Coach

Will you join us?

Prayer Calendar

May 3-May 9

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: Angela Esselburn – Teacher at Lindley Elementary School, FWCS

Monday: Christie Bowie – Interventionist at Lakewood Park Christian School

Tuesday: Rich Luedeke – Blackhawk Christian School

Wednesday: Abi Snyder – Teacher at Maple Creek Middle School

Thursday: Bonnie Johnson – Teacher at Carroll High School

Friday: Tonia Smith – EMS Paramedic

Saturday: Aletheia DeVries – Parkview Regional Medical Center Emergency Department



What gives me the greatest hope every day is God's grace and sufficiency; knowing that His grace and my trusting in His sufficiency will give me the strength to face whatever comes my way. I can rest in the fact that nothing surprises God.

Ben Johnson, Deacon

Community Outreach

Thank you for your donations to help the Rescue Mission & Safe Families

We will continue to accept **Size 5 & 6 diapers and wipes** for Safe Families, **Mon-Thur 9am-4pm** at Wallen Road, Door 2.



Are you growing weary of stay-at-home orders and social distancing, face masks and hand-sanitizer? [Me too.] Yet, one good thing about this forced separation is the clear reminder of just how wired we are by God to be together, not only in spirit, but in body. So, be encouraged—there are sweet reunions ahead, however limited they may be! 1 Thessalonians 2:17 “But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face.”

Tim Williams, Elder & Executive Pastor



Announcements | New Members: Adam & Renee Everhart

Birth Announcement

Congratulations

Congratulations to Austin and Heidi Zolman on the birth of their son, Brayden Jeremiah. He was born Tuesday, April 28 at 10:30am. Brayden weighs 8 lbs 9 oz and is 21 inches long. He joins sister, Story (age 2). ■



Community Outreach

EMS Pizza Party

Headwaters Church was able to provide pizza, water, snacks, and a bag of encouragement cards from YOU to the first responders at the TRAA EMS. Thank you to all the EMTs and Paramedics who put themselves on the line every day to care for our community.



Flat Jimmy watched the jets fly over from the Wells Street parking lot.
- Tonia Smith



Sleepy Jack and Flat Jim after he got up from his nap.
- Angie Kuhn

Quarantine Adventures with **FLAT JIMMY**



Dave Giumento has an army of Flat Jimmys looking over his shoulder during an ABF leaders Zoom call.



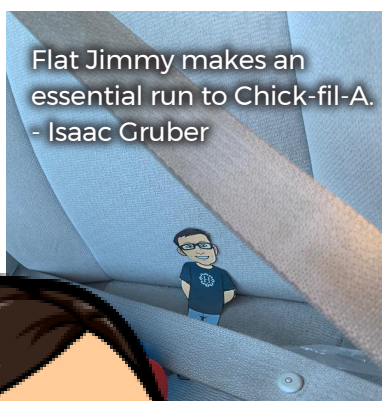
Long lost Brothers?
- Christie Berger



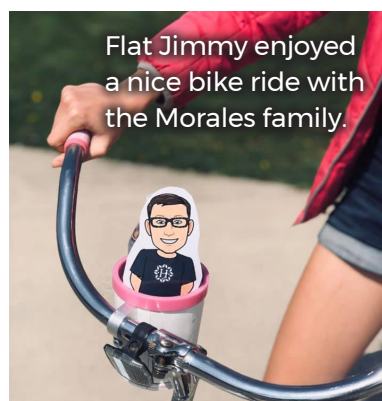
Slim Jim is feeling "board."
- Daniel Gruber



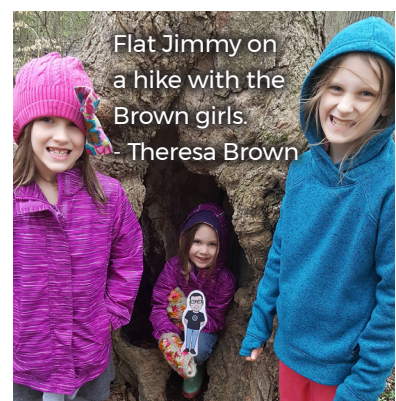
Flat Jimmy, aka Slim Jim, in, his new ABF... Connect4Life.
- Adrian Odle



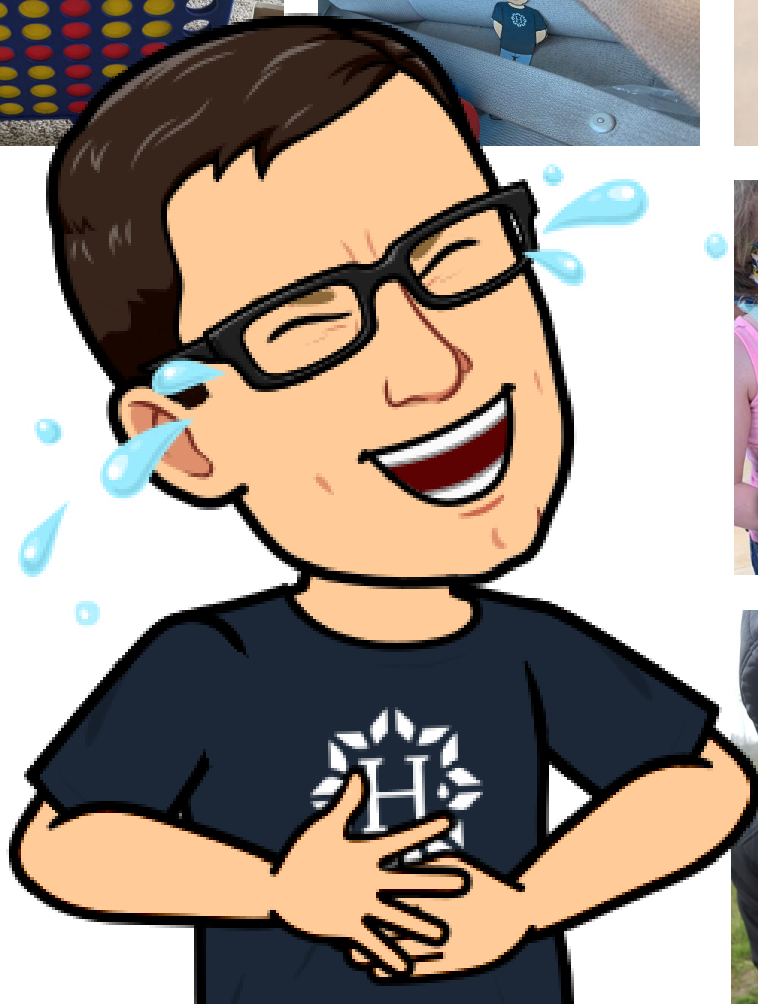
Flat Jimmy makes an essential run to Chick-fil-A.
- Isaac Gruber



Flat Jimmy enjoyed a nice bike ride with the Morales family.



Flat Jimmy on a hike with the Brown girls.
- Theresa Brown



Having a ball at physical therapy with Lily Nichter.



Happy 16th birthday to Grace! Flat Jimmy enjoying a COVID-19 birthday with blueberry coffee cake.
- Amy Oehler



Flat Jimmy has been caught by a crayfish.
- Justin Brown



Me: "Flat Jimmy, how did you get all the way up there?"
Flat Jimmy: "It was counter intuitive!"
- Jen Potter



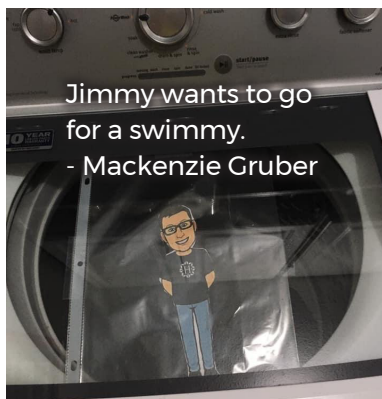
Flat Jimmy is popping up everywhere. Taking corny jokes to a whole new level.
- Jen Potter



Jack Kuhn makes his famous "Mountain Dew pancakes" with Flat-as-a pancake-Jimmy.
- Angie Kuhn



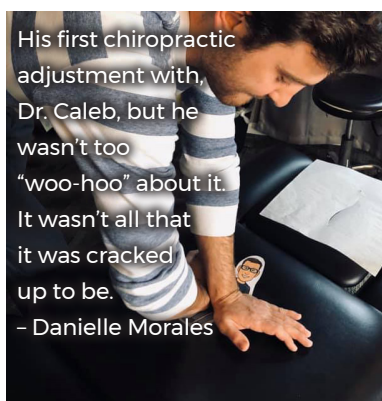
Flat Jimmy: "Max, stop the lathe! I'm getting dizzy."
Max: "Sorry, Jimmy, you did say you wanted a turn."
- Kristy Wolfe



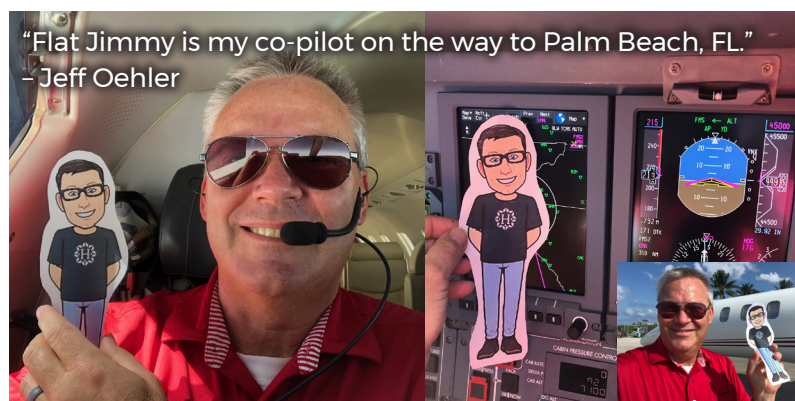
Jimmy wants to go for a swimmy.
- Mackenzie Gruber



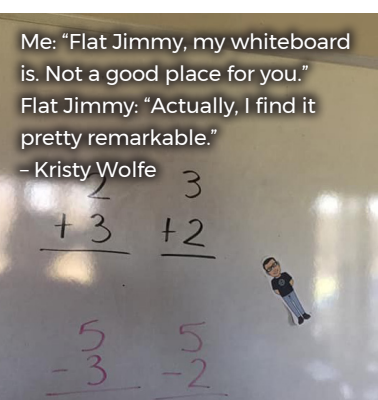
Molly Schafer took Jimmy for a ride
- Jessica Schafer



His first chiropractic adjustment with Dr. Caleb, but he wasn't too "woo-hoo" about it. It wasn't all that it was cracked up to be.
- Danielle Morales



"Flat Jimmy is my co-pilot on the way to Palm Beach, FL."
- Jeff Oehler



Me: "Flat Jimmy, my whiteboard is. Not a good place for you."
Flat Jimmy: "Actually, I find it pretty remarkable."
- Kristy Wolfe



Flat Jimmy is helping me split wood... I'm here in case he has an "axe-ident"!
- Darryl Dickes



Rise and shine Flat Jimmy!
- Amanda Nichter



"Flat Jimmy is close to my heart."
- Justin Brown



Jimmy plays with the Filpus kids.

I love playing Chutes and Ladders!



Enjoying morning coffee with Tonia Smith.



Slim Jim earns his keep around here by working the box office of our make-believe movie theater.
- Melissa Rose



Children's Ministry

Awana: End of Year Plan

We were hoping to finish the year TOGETHER in May. Since it does not appear to be the best option to meet in person yet, and we only have four verse weeks left, we plan to finish the year online.

We will host one Zoom meeting a week for each age group (except Cubbies and Lil' Lights). Directors will teach a 5-10 minute lesson. Then students will be placed in groups to recite their verses.

If you would prefer to have your child wait until Awana starts back up in

August, that is fine. We wanted to provide a way, for those who are interested, to finish their books.

To the right, are the days and times that your Awana class will be meeting. Links to these meetings were provided in the parent email. If you did not receive this email, please contact Jon Dammeyer at jdammeyer@headwaterschurch.org. ■

ZOOM SCHEDULE

Sparks Kindergarten

Mondays 6pm

Sparks 1st Grade

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Sparks 2nd Grade

Fridays 6:30pm

T&T Boys and Girls

Mondays at 7:30pm



In days of trial and high anxiety, I love what Joni Erickson Tada said... "I often have to teach my heart what it isn't feeling."

Amy Suci

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

Giving Totals

Last Week General Giving \$37,024
Weekly General Budget \$36,875

Amplify Giving*

Last Week Giving \$2,893
2020 YTD Giving \$76,783

YTD General Giving \$623,495
YTD General Budget \$626,875

"Chapel Phase" Goal \$250,000
Total "Chapel" Giving \$165,327
Remaining Needed \$84,673
Total Amplify Fund Giving \$798,937

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M-F | 9am-4pm



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

Prayer Calendar for the Week of May 3rd – May 9th

Sunday: Angela Esselburn – Teacher at Lindley Elementary

- Balancing and managing time with work from home and eLearning for my own kids
- Health of students and families
- A smooth start for the next school year

Monday: Christie Bowie – Interventionist at Lakewood Park Christian School

- That I would continue to be effective in the lives of my students
- That I would have clarity of thought and energy to accomplish all that is needed
- That I would be able to think, process and plan for the rest of the year, and organize for next year (This is my first year in the role. The role is growing and changing. I spend lots of frustrating hours knowing that I need to be doing something, but don't know what. Then later, I see all the things I didn't do that the teachers/students need.)

Tuesday: Rich Luedeke – Blackhawk Christian School

- Stamina and time
- Creativity
- Patience and compassion

Wednesday: Abi Snyder – Teacher at Maple Creek Middle School

- Students struggling at home and difficulty connecting if they don't engage with live class meets.
- Pray that school goes back to classrooms in August. The schedule is great, the connection with students is NOT.

Thursday: Bonnie Johnson – Teacher at Carroll High School

- Pray for patience in working with technology, and students trying to work the system.
- Pray for strength as planning lessons takes extra time.
- Pray that I can be an encouragement to those I come in contact with.

Friday: Tonia Smith – EMS Paramedic

- Protection from infection.
- Not living in fear.
- Staying on track with everything/business.

Saturday: Aletheia DeVries – Parkview Regional Medical Center Emergency Department

- Every day that I go into work I always pray that God will help me not to bring harm upon my patients, coworkers, or my physicians. That He will guide my actions and words so that they reflect Christ. And that I will bring Him glory in all that I do as I care for my patients.
- And just wisdom and strength as we are getting sicker and sicker patients.