

Announcements & Community News

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Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m., kitchen
Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m., rooms B, 4 & youth suite
Missions @ 12:00 p.m., room A
Lay Servant Academy @ 2-5:30 p.m.
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Handbell Rehearsal @ 5:00 p.m., choir room

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Trustees @ 1:00 p.m., room 4
Staff Parish @ 7:00 p.m., room 1

Tuesday, March 19
Finance Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., room A

Wednesday, March 20
Quilters @ 9:30 a.m., rooms 4-6
Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m., room 1
Lenten Study - *"not a fan"* @ 6:00 p.m., room 1
Chancel Choir @ 7:00 p.m., choir room

Thursday, Mar 21
P.E.O. @ 10:30 a.m., rooms 4-6, kitchen
AA (Women) @ 1:00 p.m., room 1
Knit & Crochet @ 1:00 p.m., parlor
Learning League Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., library
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“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”
Matthew 7:13-14

Lenten Theme

not a fan. becoming a completely committed follower of jesus

2nd Sunday in Lent

'Being a Follower; the Relationship Defined'

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6635 Hohman Avenue Hammond, IN 46324
(219) 932-5915 www.hammondfumc.org
Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
March 17, 2019
Reverend Mary van Wijk, lead pastor
Pastor Donna Beifuss, associate pastor
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TFWS 2025

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Just As I am, Without One Plea, vv1-4

UMH 357

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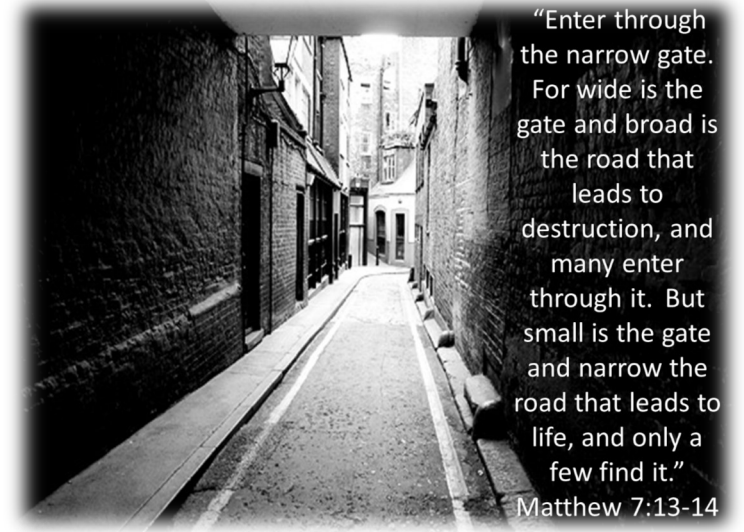
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UMH 95

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Children's Time

Following Children's Time, children ages 1st through 5th grade are invited to go to Junior Church and children (birth through kindergarten) are very welcome in the Nursery.

Terrific activity bags are available at the Welcome Center.

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