

COMBINED NEWSLETTER

First and Woodmar United Methodist Churches

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Worship with Us – Sundays at 10:15!

April - At First United Methodist Church, 6635 Hohman, Hammond

May - At Woodmar United Methodist Church, 7320 Northcote, Hammond

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, April 13 – 10:15 at First UMC

Worship service with handbells and children processing with palms.

Pancake Breakfast – 11:30 to 1:00 at First UMC. More information on page 9.

Easter Cantata – 4:00 at Woodmar UMC. More information on page 3.

Tuesday, April 15 – noon at Woodmar UMC

The Agape Meal has been a Woodmar tradition for many years. It includes a light lunch and Holy Communion. More information on page 3.

Wednesday, April 16 First United Evangelical Lutheran Church (next door to First UMC) invites us to participate in their outdoor Last Supper. Hymns and refreshments afterwards. Watch the bulletin or your email for more information.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 6:30 at First UMC

First Church will host a combined Maundy Thursday service with the following United Methodist Churches: Hyde Park, Griffith First, Woodmar, Gary 5th Avenue, and Gary First. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Good Friday, April 18 – 7:00 pm at Immanuel Church of Christ

Griffith First UMC (currently located inside Immanuel United Church of Christ, 2201 Azalea Drive, Highland; enter at Door B) will host a service that will include all the churches participating in the Maundy Thursday service plus Ridge UMC.

Easter, April 20, 10:15 at First UMC

He is risen! Glorious service includes Holy Communion, handbells, and beautiful flowers! There will be a children's Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

Thoughts from Pastor Jim



2025 Stewardship Campaign

Lessons from the Good Samaritan: The Heart of Generosity

Embracing Compassion and Kindness in Our Lives

In the Gospel of Luke, we find one of the most profound stories ever told, the parable of the Good Samaritan. This narrative doesn't just teach us about kindness—it underscores the essence of true generosity. As we reflect on this story, it's essential to understand its timeless lessons and how they can guide us in our daily lives.

The Story of the Good Samaritan

The parable begins with a lawyer asking Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" In response, Jesus tells the story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho who is attacked by robbers. Stripped of his clothes, beaten, and left half-dead, the man lies helpless on the road. A priest and a Levite, both respected figures in society, pass by without offering help. However, a Samaritan, often despised by the Jews, sees the wounded man and is moved with deep compassion.

The Samaritan doesn't hesitate. He bandages the man's wounds, places him on his own donkey, and takes him to an inn, where he takes care of him. The next day, the Samaritan gives the innkeeper money and asks him to look after the man, promising to cover any additional expenses upon his return. Jesus concludes the parable by asking, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The lawyer responds, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus then says, "Go and do the same."

Generosity Beyond Boundaries

The Good Samaritan's actions embody the true spirit of generosity. He gives not just his resources, but his time, effort, and compassion. His generosity transcends social boundaries and prejudices, reminding us that true giving knows no limits.

In our lives, we are often presented with opportunities to be generous. Sometimes, we might find it easy to help those who are close to us or those who share our beliefs and values. However, the parable challenges us to extend our generosity to everyone, especially those who are different from us or whom society might overlook.

Practical Steps to Embrace Generosity

How can we cultivate a heart of generosity in our daily lives? Here are a few practical steps inspired by the Good Samaritan:

- Be attentive to those in need: Often, the first step to generosity is simply noticing others' struggles. Pay attention to those around you and be ready to offer help.
- Act with compassion: Let your actions be driven by genuine care and empathy. Remember, it's not just about what you give, but how you give it.
- Go the extra mile: Just like the Samaritan, don't be afraid to make sacrifices. True generosity often requires us to go beyond our comfort zones.
- Be inclusive: Extend your kindness to everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances. Break down barriers and build bridges of understanding and love.
- Encourage others: Inspire those around you to embrace a lifestyle of generosity. Share stories of kindness and create a culture of giving in your community.
- Trust your church to be an extension of your generosity. Together our impact on our community is greater than the sum of our individual giving.

The Ripple Effect of Generosity

Generosity has a profound ripple effect. When we give selflessly, we not only help those in immediate need but also inspire others to do the same. Our acts of kindness can create a chain reaction, spreading love and compassion far and wide.

As a church community, let us strive to embody the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Let us be known for our generosity, not just in material possessions but in our time, attention, and love. Together, we can make a significant impact, shining the light of Christ's love in a world that so desperately needs it.

In conclusion, the parable of the Good Samaritan is a powerful reminder that generosity is at the heart of our faith. Let us take this lesson to heart and "go and do the same," transforming our lives and the lives of others through acts of genuine kindness and compassion.

Pastor Jim

Opportunities to Grow Our Faith

Discipleship
and Spiritual
Vitality

Anticipate the Easter Surprise!

Nearly 30 people celebrated early spring warmth and sunshine as we gathered for Messy Church on March 25. Participants enjoyed a hot dog supper, followed by craft activities and a celebration message delivered by Carrie Ward that revolved around Grace. Join us for the next Messy Church on April 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Woodmar Community Center to experience "The Easter Surprise."



United Women of Faith Invites Everyone to Agape Meal

Celebrate Holy Week with joyous inspiration at our annual Agape meal. All men and women of Woodmar Methodist and First United Methodist Church are invited. All friends of members or anyone who wants to experience this uplifting event are also welcome on Tuesday, April 15, at noon in the Woodmar church narthex. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call Yvonne Jackson at 219-844-7815 or Donna Benirschke at 219-844-2640 by April 10.

We will share agape (the highest form of love) during devotions and holy communion. Our meal will consist of olives, cheese, kugel, and other foods that have traditionally been reminders of the supper of Jesus.

The executive board of United Women of Faith, chaired by Yvonne Jackson, continues to meet in combination with Mary Circle, under the direction of Donna Benirschke. Join us on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at WUMC or on Zoom. United Women in Faith is open to any woman who wishes to attend, regardless of church affiliation.



Easter Oratorio on Palm Sunday

Join Us for the Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday. Combined area churches, including Woodmar United Methodist Church Foundation, First United Methodist Church, Ridge United Methodist Church, and Christ Lutheran Church are sponsoring an Easter Oratorio on April 13 at 4:00 pm. The concert, in the Woodmar UMC sanctuary, will feature three soloists performing with a combined choir from the four sponsoring churches and a 22-piece orchestra. The oratorio, entitled "Saviour," tells the story of God's passion for God's people, offering an uplifting and moving experience. If you are not already participating in the Cantata, mark your calendar and bring family and friends with you to the concert on Palm Sunday! For questions, contact Dave Bieschke at davebieschke@me.com or (773) 791-8277.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Save the Date: Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. and the Hammond Faith-Based Community invite all local area churches to be among those participating in the National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2025. The day's events will begin the first Thursday in May with a community breakfast at 8:00 am at Dynasty Banquet Hall, 4125 Calumet Ave. in Hammond. Contact either church office to obtain your complimentary ticket for this year's "Hope"-themed gathering, which highlights the apostle Paul's message in Romans 15:13, "Pour out to the God of hope and be filled."

Reaching Out to Our Community



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• 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10, NRSV

• Merger Update

The Merger Committee continues to meet regularly, working on property and financial questions raised by our attorney. Both the Property Task Force and the Finance Task Force are also working on some of these details.

Woodmar Offices to be Rearranged - In order to expand the number of meeting rooms/classrooms, some of the offices at Woodmar UMC are being rearranged. Attached to Woodmar's main office, there is a large workroom with two smaller offices off of it. Woodmar's bookkeeper, Debbie, currently uses a corner of the workroom as her office. She will be moving into one of the smaller offices. Pastor Jim will be giving up his roomy office to move into the other small office. (Thank you, Pastor Jim!) This leaves us with two fairly large rooms available for meetings and classes: the pastor's former office and the workroom. We are working to make sure there is a place for everyone!

Mission News

Heifer International continues for the second month as the designated Second Mile Giving recipient for April for both First Church and Woodmar. Established in 1944, Heifer International is a development organization working to end hunger and poverty in partnership with local communities. To learn more, visit <https://www.heifer.org>. Thanks to all those who donated in March to support this missional organization. If you are unable to donate financially, please pray for the volunteers and those who receive assistance from Heifer.

Remember that brown bag Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. Pick up an empty brown bag at either church and return it filled with non-perishable food items the following Sunday. During the months when we worship at Woodmar, Richard Miller will deliver the bags to First Church on the first Monday of the month.

Mark your calendars for June 21, when First Church and Woodmar collaborate to conduct a big rummage sale and bake sale at First Church, the proceeds of which will be divided evenly to support both churches as we move closer toward the vote to become one consolidated congregation. See page 11 for information on the rummage sale. Richard Miller, FUMC Missions Team co-chair

THE VINE FOOD PANTRY AT-A-GLANCE February 2025

New Clients.....	41
Return Clients.....	394
Total Clients Served.....	435

New Households.....	14
Return Households.....	197
Total Households Served.....	211

Total Pounds Distributed: 7,338



Paws For Peace to Visit Hartsfield

Paws For Peace will visit Hartsfield Village Assisted Living on April 9 at 2:00 p.m. for an Easter celebration.

Paws members have been invited to Hartsfield's annual Volunteer Luncheon on April 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Condolences to Anna Franklin, whose dog, Popcorn, recently crossed the rainbow bridge. Popcorn was loved by all the residents.

Building Relationships



Sign Up to Donate Altar Flowers

First United Methodist Church and Woodmar United Methodist Church have been blessed over the years by people who have felt the call to decorate the altar with flowers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. As a reminder, there is a form in the Narthex where you can pick a Sunday to provide those flowers. Your name will appear in the bulletin along with a note explaining why you provide the flowers. After the service you may take the flowers home.

Altar flowers need to be paid for at the time of ordering. Please do not put your money for the flowers in the offering plate. Place your payment in an offering envelope and return that envelope to the office so that your payment can be properly recorded. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Combined Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee continues to have combined meetings composed of members from both First Church and Woodmar. As the two churches now share key staff members including pastor, office manager, and music director, combined meetings bring efficiency to the process. Together, the combined SPRC is working to support staff during this time of transition and plan for the future. At its March meeting, the combined SPRC finalized updating the Child Safety Policy (called a Safe Sanctuary Policy) to cover both churches and discussed possible staffing updates and a staff vision for a potentially consolidated congregation following a future vote to merge. Please address any questions about the committee's work to Chair Niki Avina or reach out to Carrie Ward, a member of the combined SPRC.



First Church and Woodmar continue to experience severe financial distress that prevents us from having paid staff to do some of the various tasks needed. Woodmar has been without a maintenance person and a custodian for many months.

Until the financial situation improves, we are seeking a list of people willing to assist here and there as needed on a volunteer basis. Please call either church office (Woodmar (219) 844-3030; First Church (219) 932-5915) to add your name to a "call-sheet" of volunteers to help with tasks such as clearing walks of leaves (or snow!), simple repairs, restocking paper towel dispensers, or office tasks. We deeply appreciate your help.

Pastor Jim Denton

Coffee and a Good Book

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s by Doris Kearns Goodwin is the book club's selection for April. From Goodreads, "Doris Kearns Goodwin, one of America's most beloved historians, artfully weaves together biography, memoir, and history. She takes the reader along on the emotional journey she and her husband, Richard (Dick) Goodwin embarked upon in the last years of his life." Please consider joining us for an informal discussion on April 21 at 1:00 pm via Zoom. You may call the church office for a Zoom invitation.

Children's Ministries

Birthdays
Children
Miscellaneous



Woodmar UMC

- 01 David Wilkinson
- 03 Edwin Echlin
- 05 Ivan Lewis
- 05 Phyllis Sovola
- 10 Tracie Geurts
- 20 Kathy Baker
- 22 Suelynn Thomas
- 23 Rich Hubster
- 24 Chuck Anderson
- 24 James Brill
- 25 Suzanne Wasmund
- 27 Brandi Baker

First UMC

- 01 Brianna Kalk
- 01 Kaylee Kalk
- 02 Pat Mosley
- 02 Peter Wicklund
- 03 Susan Bravo
- 06 Jackson Dean
- 06 Jonah Hawkins
- 07 June Jordan-Hall
- 08 Payton Kalk
- 08 Janice Wilson
- 15 Betty Merrick
- 17 Wayne Barnes
- 20 John Schu
- 26 Kobe Shelton



Community Preschool and Childcare

Spring is in the air and the kids are excited to get outside and see all the new things blooming! Speaking of new things, we recently partnered with Epiphany and Company, an emotional intelligence program that helps our little ones navigate their emotions. They specialize in emotional concerns, behavior issues, social challenges, developmental concerns, trauma, and loss.

We also welcomed Soccer Shots free day on March 17. The kids loved it! They will provide a soccer camp for interested kids. Soccer shots will come on Mondays from 9:30-10:00 am for 6 weeks, beginning April 7. Sign up by calling Karianne at 219-844-3030, ext.305.

As a preschool and childcare ministry of Woodmar United Methodist Church, we strive to create unity within our community. CP&CC seeks to support each individual and help them connect with necessary resources. One of our missions is to help connect families and individuals with Jesus' teachings! If anyone has any talents or resources they would like to share with our CP&CC family, please contact Karianne.

Two of our staff members are leaving us to embark on new journeys. While we are sad to see them go, we wish Ms. Sandra and Ms. Christina the best in their endeavors! Sandra said, "I am awed by the countless lessons, experiences, and memories I have made." Christina stated, "Your unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality education and fostering a positive learning environment has made CP&CC one of the best I have known in the region."

Finance and Administrative



First UMC Finance News

The First Church Finance Committee met on March 20. Those present included Church Council Chair Jane Harper-Alport, Financial Secretary Pam Longhi, Treasurer Larry Alport, and Finance Chair Pete Ward.

In February, the church had monthly income of \$15,964.86 and monthly expenses of \$18,390.31, resulting in a monthly loss of \$2,425.45. Our year-to-date loss is \$13,498.60. At the end of February our checking account had a balance of over \$375,000, This money is made up of funds from the sale of the parsonage as well as other funds that are restricted to their use. However due to our financial situation and with the permission of district leadership, we are currently drawing on these funds to pay our monthly operational expenses including salaries, utilities, insurance, the church's portion of the pastor's pension, etc.

The Finance committee will develop a short term budget identifying our estimated costs to operate First Church in 2025 so that a portion of the funds in the checking account can be invested and interest can be earned on those dollars. Presently, FUMC's monthly operational expenses continue to exceed monthly giving by approximately \$3,000. The Finance Committee will continue to work with the Church Council and the FUMC Foundation to establish an operating budget for 2025 that will allow us to meet our financial obligations.

The Foundation has determined that the current funds available for church use at this time are: \$26,951.92 for Trustees' use; \$9,284.22 for Pastor discretionary funds; and \$20,000 in the Gottschall fund.

I am meeting weekly with our treasurer, Larry Alport, and Pastor Jim to monitor our finances and will keep the congregation informed as how we are addressing our financial shortfall.

Pastor Pete Ward, FUMC Finance chair

Woodmar UMC Finance News

Woodmar ended February with a loss of \$6403.97. Our cash in the bank is \$20,555.39. The offering for February was \$10,900, with a total income of \$14,740.41. As far as expenses, we had a quarterly insurance payment of \$6,692.30. Everything else is normal monthly expenses. Community Preschool and Childcare had a loss of \$1210.64 for February; their year-to-date shows a loss of \$27,929.19. They have cash in the bank of \$86,624.46. They continue to work on increasing enrollment.

SCRIP: Every Purchase Supports Our Churches!

SCRIP gift cards are offered in the narthex at FUMC following the Sunday worship service. Orders can also be placed and picked up the following Sunday at First Church or Woodmar, depending on where our congregations are worshipping together. Please contact Kathy Smith at (708) 935-9807 for more information.

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Brenda: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-2:30
Jim: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-3:00

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Office Hours

Brenda: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00-1:00
Jim: Monday, 10:00-3:00 & Wed., 1:00-4:00

Please keep in mind that pastoral care needs may mean that Pastor Jim will be in and out of the office during these times. It is always advisable to call to schedule a time to meet with him. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Jim or Brenda.

2025 Woodmar Foundation Report to the Congregations



We have been addressing the possible merger of our two congregations for almost two years at this point. Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, we will be voting for the consolidation of our churches and will establish a “new church,” combining congregations. Clearing that hurdle is only the first of any number of issues that need to be decided. One of the other issues will be the future of the endowment funds each church currently manages.

Both churches manage what is known as Foundation Funds. First Church has the “First United Foundation” and Woodmar has the “Foundation for Woodmar United Methodist Church, Inc.” Anticipating discussions involving how these entities will be updated and managed going forward, the WUMC Foundation Committee thought this is a good time to share some history of our Foundation Fund with you.

The Woodmar Foundation Charter was created and approved on October 11, 1982. The original document was adopted using a template from the First Methodist Church of Valparaiso. The current Charter has been amended on two occasions since its conception, with the last amendment being approved on December 2, 2007.

The first deposit to the new entity was made in December 1982 by a Woodmar member who contributed \$92,580. Additional contributions were made and managed throughout the next 43 years and the current balance of the account exceeds \$600,000.

The purpose of the Woodmar Foundation is to provide a means for church members, families and friends to make gifts and bequests to the church, providing a permanent endowment of financial support and living memorials. Gifts to the Foundation Fund are to be held in perpetuity, unless otherwise designated by the donor. Interest income from the fund is used to assist our church in fulfilling its Christian ministry and mission. The fund does not spend its principal, but only distributes its interest income for ministries voted on and approved by the Foundation Committee.

The WUMC Foundation made its first distribution of funds in 1984 for a total of \$4,690. That distribution included funding of the current library, a new office copy machine and several church missions. Try to purchase new office equipment for that amount today! In 2024 the Foundation had \$21,916 available for disbursement. Those funds were used to help upgrade the church’s HVAC system, the 2025 Easter Cantata and a number of community events.

The Foundation has funded and/or financed a large number of missions, office and kitchen equipment, trustee and property maintenance needs, new worship services, preschool and childcare programs, new staff positions and parsonage repair and updating. To date, since the first allocation in 1984, The WUMC Foundation has distributed over \$546,000 in support of our church and its ministries. That is almost as much as what currently resides in the Foundation account! It is a testament to the vision of the members who established the fund and authored the language within the Charter, as well as to the past and present committee members that have taken their fiduciary responsibilities seriously throughout the Foundation’s 43 years history.

The time is quickly coming that changes may have to be made to the WUMC Foundation Charter if and when a merger between our two churches takes place. The current Woodmar Charter already contains language pertaining to a merger or consolidation with any other church allowing for just such a change. To address other changes to its content, the founding church members who envisioned and wrote the Foundation Charter purposely made it difficult to simply modify the intent of the Foundation’s mission during transitional periods all churches can go through from time to time. This has served the Woodmar congregation well for the last 43 years. Our committee believes, with a few minor changes in the Charter’s current language, it will continue to serve our combined churches in perpetuity.

FIRST AND WOODMAR UMC
PANCAKE

Breakfast



● **SUN, APRIL 13, 2025** ●

Hosted at First United Methodist Church 6635
Hohman Ave - Hammond, IN 45324

Join us from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
on Palm Sunday for pancakes,
eggs, sausage, and more

COFFEE ● FELLOWSHIP ● PANCAKES



“All Together” Senior High Camp 2025 plus Youth Ministry Grant

Everyone who has experienced a week at Epworth Forest for INUMC Senior High Camp during one or more summers will tell you it’s one of the most memorable faith-inspiring and FUN experiences a young person (or adult counselor!) could ever have. That’s why it’s especially exciting to share some of the multiple special features already planned for Senior High Camp 2025, June 29 to noon on July 4, which is open to all graduates of 8th through 12th grade:

- Bishop Malone will preach at one of the worship services!
- EVERY youth will receive their very own FREE Student Bible to take home with them (thank you Heartland Methodist Foundation!)
- Two young people who have served as UMC Missioners will join campers for the whole week
- All 3 UM-related universities in the state will be present on one of the days to share the great features of their institutions
- Engaging seminars are designed to practically equip our youth with Biblically based principles around a variety of topics
- Co-directors for Senior High Camp will be Conference Superintendent Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy and Rev. Dr. Kent Lundy, who both have great hearts for youth!
- PLUS, Camp will include a variety of awesome worship experiences with relevant messages grounded in Jesus Christ, infused with outstanding praise music.

Registration is open now. **Early bird discounts are available through Easter (April 20).** Talk with the prospective campers you know and have them register at <https://www.inumc.org/2024/07/31/all-together-senior-high-camp/>

But wait, there is even more good news!! **Youth Ministry Grant:** The North District Operational Team wants to give a \$75 youth ministry grant to each local church that sends at least one youth to this week of camp AND that has at least one adult (preferably the same adult, who hopefully is someone who is active in youth ministry at the church) who participates in the following online meetings (the church must have at least one adult at EVERY meeting): Zoom meetings for adult reps from all churches will occur at 6:30pm ET on April 30, May 14, and June 18 (all Wednesdays). Send email to Rev. Dr. Kent A. Lundy (kentalundy@hotmail.com) for the link by noon ET each Monday prior to these three meetings. Following attendance at all three meetings, the participating local church will receive a \$75 check from the district for the church to use as it chooses to support youth ministry.

As Rev. Dr. Kent Lundy encourages, let’s do all we can in all the places we can to get as many youth as we can to attend Senior High Camp this summer!

Jane Harper-Alport, FUMC Church Council chair

Adapted from North District email message from Rev. Dr. Kent Lundy

Better Way Youth Trip to Washington D.C.

Calling all youth, graduates of 8th—12th grade: Mark your calendar and make plans to sign up for the North District’s Better Way Youth Trip, July 12-17, 2025. This year it will be an exciting excursion to Washington, D.C. This interreligious, cross-cultural immersion experience, led by Rev. Dr. Kent Lundy, will offer an exploration of our nation’s capital, including a visit to the General Board of Church & Society (located close to the U.S. Capitol). Hopefully the trip will deepen participants’ commitment to live the “better way” of Jesus Christ, and allow each youth to create new connections throughout the district and conference. Watch your email and the newsletter and worship bulletins for details and directions to register.

Jane Harper-Alport, FUMC Church Council chair

Adapted from North District events postcard

Sign Up and Donate for FUMC/WUMC Rummage Sale June 21



Spring has arrived, and it's time to start cleaning out your cupboards, closets, basement, and garage for the Annual Rummage Sale! Plans are underway for a combined FUMC/WUMC Rummage and Bake Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at FUMC from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We encourage everyone to contribute their donations, talents, and prayers for a great (and very likely final!) sale at the 6635 Hohman Ave. location.

Specifically regarding the week of the sale and post-sale pack-up of leftover merchandise (June 16--23), a large sheet will be posted on an easel in the narthex (at whichever church we are worshiping in each month) for volunteers to indicate when you can help set up, work on sale day, and pack up following the sale. Lots of help is needed!

Watch the Sunday worship bulletin, email, and future newsletters for details as June draws near. Currently, the plan is to allow donors to bring contributions for the sale to the northwest corner of FUMC Fellowship Hall beginning the first week of June. All donations must be (1) clean, (2) in working condition, (3) boxed or bagged, and (4) clearly marked "Rummage Sale." The following WILL be accepted for the sale:

- Household items: kitchen, dining, bedroom, bathroom, garage, garden, etc.
- Dishes, cups, glasses, serving ware, silverware and utensils, pots and pans, bakeware
- Giftware, jewelry, collectibles, home decorations, candles
- Dining accessories: tablecloths, placemats, napkins, party goods
- Curtains, decorative pillows
- Bed linens, blankets, quilts, Afghans
- Bath towels and accessories (scales, vanity items, standing towel rack)
- Fabric, notions, yarn, craft supplies
- Artwork, wall hangings, baskets, photo frames, vases, pots for plants
- Office, desk, and school supplies and accessories (but NO computers)
- Small electronics: coffee makers, blenders, clocks, radios, DVD players, adding machines, etc.
- Home and garden tools
- Christmas ornaments, decorations
- Toys and games, dolls, stuffed animals, puzzles
- Infants' clothing
- Accessories: purses, shoes, boots, belts, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, etc.
- Books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records
- Small furnishings that can be moved by ONE person, e.g., dining and desk chairs, children's desks, end tables, lamps, small bookcases, card tables, etc.
- Bicycles and sports equipment (basketballs, tennis racquets, skis, etc.)
- Paper bags and newspapers to wrap and package sale items

The following WILL NOT be accepted for the sale:

- Ø Items that are soiled, damaged, torn, or otherwise not in working condition
- Ø Adult clothing
- Ø Children's clothing
- Ø Large furniture or household items too large to be moved by one person
- Ø Exercise equipment (too large to be moved by one person)
- Ø Computers or computer equipment
- Ø Mobile phones or tablets
- Ø Bed pillows and mattresses
- Ø Perishable goods
- Ø Liquids