

2020: A Year like None Other Following a God like None Other

*West Morris FMC
State of the Church*



PERFECT VISION

2020

February

- Society Meeting - Feb 23
- Pastor Kristen with Supt John & Supt Michael teaches in Bangladesh & India - Feb 26-Mar 9



March

- COVID hits Indiana & the city/county/state shuts down; FM Bishops & Supts call for churches to move online
- March 15 - small worship gathering in Lower Level as everyone is encouraged to worship from home
- March 16 - WM begins passing out sack breakfasts & lunches to children & elderly
- March 17 - WM hosts first online prayer service
- West Morris Weekly emails begun



HELLO

LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP?

MY NAME IS _____ MY PHONE NUMBER IS _____

I LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT _____

IF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NEED HELP DURING THE PANDEMIC, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

- ☐ PICK UP GROCERIES / FOOD
- ☐ A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL
- ☐ URGENT SUPPLIES

- ☐ WALK A DOG
- ☐ MOW A LAWN or SHOVEL A DRIVEWAY
- ☐ HELP WITH GARDENING

JUST CALL OR TEXT AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP—FOR FREE.

This new coronavirus is highly contagious. To ensure that we only spread kindness with each other, please take every precaution to avoid physical contact with others (keep 6 feet away), wash your hands with soap frequently, and follow other social-distancing direction given by the authorities.

For other kindness resources for you & your family, visit www.randomactsofkindness.org

If you want to spread kindness in your neighborhood, you can download these blank forms at www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-resources



Good News:
Your pastor now
approves of you being
on Facebook during
church.



West
Morris's
NEWS & UPDATES OF
WEST MORRIS CHURCH
Weekly
WESTMORRISFM.ORG



April

- Twice weekly prayer meetings continue
- “Not Forsaken” discipleship groups start
- Toll-free call-in phone line established
- Online hymn sing
- Good Friday devotional published
- Easter sunrise service
- Easter celebration service with broad involvement from kids, teens & adults
- Shopped for & delivered quarantine packs for School 46 families
- Weekly board meetings begun



CHURCH ONLINE

SUNDAYS @ 10:30AM



JOIN OUR
FACEBOOK
GROUP



NOT FORSAKEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

SUNDAY: 7PM
WEDNESDAY: 12PM
VIA ZOOM

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY: 8AM
THURSDAY: 8PM



Not Cancelled!

EASTER

ONLINE APRIL 12
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM - 1 PM

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WEST MORRIS
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

May

- Church is deployed on mission - intentional call to every church member to tangibly love their neighbors
- Prepared & delivered graduation gift baskets to School 46 8th graders
- Appreciation gifts delivered to all teacher/staff of School 46
- 75+ Mother's Day deliveries to all women in WM church family
- Daily devotional teachings shared on facebook/youtube/website/call-in number



THE CHURCH ISN'T EMPTY,

**THE CHURCH HAS BEEN
DEPLOYED!**

West Morris Church

BYOC

Sunday, May 3 @ 10:30 AM

West Morris FMC Group on Facebook Live



bring your own communion

Thank You
School #46
Teachers & Staff.
You are our neighborhood
HEROES!





June

- Wabash Annual Conference conducted online
- Drive-by retirement party for Malones
- Virtual Movie Night & discussion with “Just Mercy”
- 6-week Discipleship Class “Be a Disciple...Make a Disciple” begun with widespread participation from multiple churches
- 65+ Father’s Day deliveries to all men in WM church family
- WM received PPP funds & technology grant

SUNDAYS JUNE 14-JULY 19
7 PM ON ZOOM
MORE INFO: WESTMORRISFM.ORG

Register
Today!



BE A...
MAKE A...

Disciple

Hands-on & Heart-focused

GROW IN YOUR OWN DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY &
LEARN TOOLS TO WALK WITH OTHERS

Register Today!



WEST MORRIS
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

WEST MORRIS CHURCH
PRESENTS

JUST MERCY
BASED ON A TRUE STORY
BEST PICTURE

"JUST MERCY" WILL SHAKE YOU TO YOUR SOUL."
—OWEN GLEIBERMAN / VARIETY

WINNER WINNER WINNER
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AWARD
CHICAGO INTL. FILM FESTIVAL
ST. LOUIS INTL. FILM FESTIVAL

**VIRTUAL
MOVIE
NIGHT**

FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2020 7 PM | WEST MORRIS ZOOM
ROOM (323 968 7750)

**MOVIE & DISCUSSION OF
"JUST MERCY"**

Click here to join!



July

- Parking lot service
- TeenWorks partnership with 14 students & adult leaders serving in neighborhood
- Month-long Virtual VBS
- “Everywhere You Look” book clubs begun
- Sanctuary updates with chairs & fresh paint
- Drive-Thru prayer outreach events held
- Hosted family activity table at Earth Day Event





YOU'RE INVITED!

Click
FOR MORE INFO



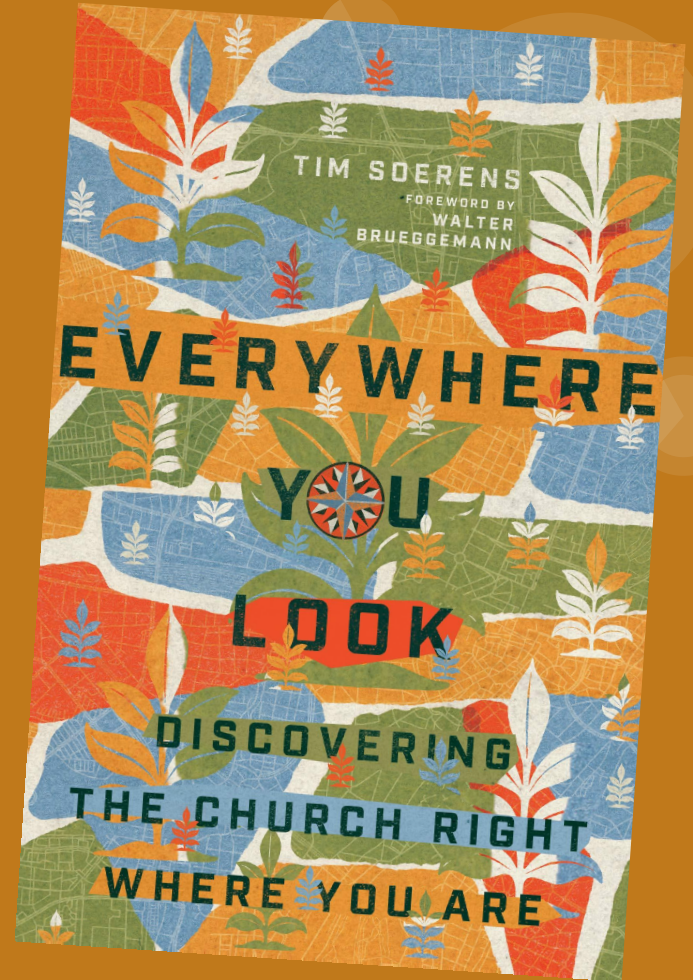
West Morris Parking Lot Service

2302 WEST MORRIS ST - INDY
SUNDAY JULY 5 - 10:30 AM

Drive-Thru



Prayer





August

- Parking lot service with Swinehart's wedding & VBS kids' participation
- 3-wk Missional Prayer class on Sunday mornings with Pastor Brett
- 3-wk Missional Gatherings class on Wednesday nights with Pastor Kristen
- First ever microchurch gatherings with 9 sites online & in-person around the city

God's Plans for Us.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES ON ZOOM

more info: westmorrisfm.org
join zoom: <https://bit.ly/wmfmc-zoom>



PRAYING FOR CERTAINTY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES SUNDAYS - 9AM ET

Aug 9: His Thoughts, Ways, and Words (Isa 55:1-11) - *God invites us to know what He knows.*

Aug 16: Praying for a Person of Peace (Lk 10:1-12) - *God prepares the way for us to go.*

Aug 23: Praying to be Equipped (Jn 14:23-27/Acts 4:8-12) - *God will supply us with everything we need.*

LEADING CHRIST-CENTERED MISSIONAL GATHERINGS WEDNESDAYS - 7PM ET

Aug 12: What is Church? (Mt 28:19-20/Eph 4:11-16) - *Focusing on the essentials.*

Aug 19: Let's Get Practical (Col 3:12-17) - *Imagining & planning the way forward.*

Aug 26: Church in the 1st & 21st Centuries (Acts 2:42-47) - *Discovering ancient, simple Church.*



Missional Gathering this Sunday!

Join Pastor Brett for a Missional
Gathering this Sunday!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Yourself, A Lawn Chair, A Mask, Your Bible, Paper, Pen

TIME:

- 10:30am in front of the school

We will gather, and engage listening prayer for this
neighborhood school. Please join in!



Daniel Webster
School #46
1450 S.
Reisner Street
Indianapolis, IN
46221

September

- Parking lot service with picnic & popsicles afterwards & testimony from Ronnie
- 8-wk "9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations" discipleship class begun
- Maria Garcia completed her Eagle Scout project at West Park
- "I'm Still Here" young adult book club
- Art of Neighboring sermon series
- Joined the New Room Prayer for Awakening conference

WEST MORRIS CHURCH

Outdoor Service & Picnic Lunch

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalms 122:1



September 6, 2020 | 10:30 AM |
2302 West Morris St., Indy

Also available on

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westmorrisfmc>

Join West Morris Church for an outdoor worship service.
Worship from the parking lot or under the trees at West Park.
Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the service.
Popsicles provided for kids of all ages!

"I've been in this neighborhood since 1969 and Sunday was the first time I visited your church, actually any church in decades. I stayed. I loved it."

He shared about a major decision he made on Sunday, and then continued,
"Something is changing in me. Scary kind of, but I love it."



PRACTICING
THE ART OF

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Noticing | Praying | Listening
Asking Questions | Loving | Welcoming
Facilitating | Serving Together | Sharing

MONDAY NIGHTS
OCT 26-DEC 14
7:00-8:15 PM
ON ZOOM

Learn & practice the art of
talking to anyone,
anywhere about God.
Focus each week on a
different art.

Interactive discussion,
self-assessments, weekly
practices, accountability &
spiritual growth!

more info & registration @ WestMorrisFM.org



October

- Indoor worship service
- FMF financial webinar
- Met in microchurches online and around the city at 6 sites
- Church office & clothing pantry re-opened with hiring of Kevin Watson



November

- Drive-thru communion & prayer service
- 9:30 online worship service begun
- 10:30 zoom discipleship gathering begun
- Coffee with the Pastor begun
- In-Person prayer in the sanctuary begun
- Communion prayer service with FMC world leaders from 5 continents
- 30 Thanksgiving food boxes packed & delivered
- 95 Advent Kits prepared & delivered to WM families



COFFEE - CONVERSATION - PRAYER

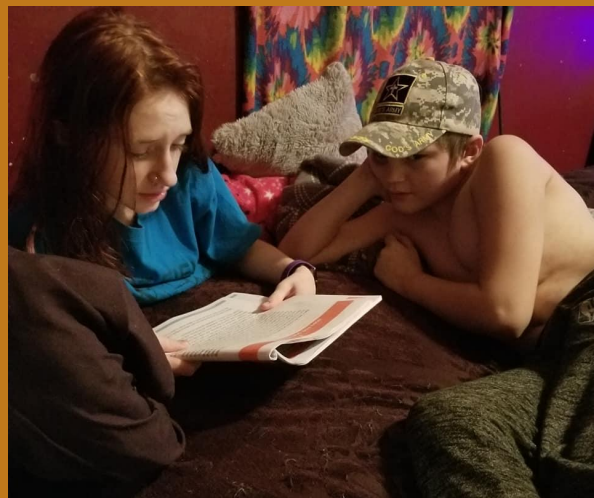
COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

MONDAY MORNINGS 10-11 AM (ET)
WEST MORRIS CHURCH



WWW.ZOOM.US
MEETING ID 323 968 7750





December

- Online WM Advent calendar with daily readings from Advent devotional story, "Jotham's Journey"
- 49 Teacher/Staff appreciation gift bags prepared & deliver to School 46
- 40 Poinsettias with WM Neighborhood Newsletter delivered to West Indy neighbors
- ALL Lynhurst Healthcare residents & staff (75+) received Adopt-a-Resident Christmas gift bags in partnership with Becca Franks
- Wabash Blue Christmas with 9 Wabash FM churches initiated by WM
- Songs, Scripture & S'mores Christmas Eve service in neighborhood
- Family Candlelight Service with 40+ participants for Christmas Eve/Day
- Candlelight Communion Vigil service on Christmas Eve
- First-ever WM Virtual Choir
- Advent wreath lighting led by 5 different WM families

WEST MORRIS

Serving God -- Loving Neighbors

westmorrisfm.org -- 317-632-8311 -- wemofmc@gmail.com

REDISCOVER
Christmas
GOOD NEWS IN TROUBLING TIMES

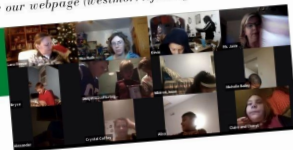
Hope
Joy
Love
Peace

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. We know this has been a tough year for many, and hope this holiday season is a blessing. We are praying for you. We invite you to worship with us this season. We have weekly online services at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Find us on Facebook (West Morris FMC) or our webpage (westmorrisfm.org).

WEST MORRIS KIDS

Join kids in K-6th grades each Sunday night at 6:30 PM on zoom for games, crafts, songs, Bible stories, prayer and fun! Everyone is welcome. Go to zoom.us. Click "join meeting" and enter 403-056-0681 for a meeting ID.



CLOTHING CLOSET

Needing some warm winter clothes? Have a job or school that requires a uniform? Have your kids outgrown their clothes...again? Or do you have clothes you'd like to donate? West Morris Church operates a clothing closet and you're welcome to use it, donate to it, or even volunteer at it! Call 317-632-8311 or come by Door #1 Tuesday-Fridays from 9AM-12PM.



LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The West Morris Little Free Pantry is located by the church's front doors on the corner of Morris and Tremont. We invite you to take what you need -- and share what you can!





Adopt a Resident

Bring joy to those in need
at our local nursing home

Join West Morris Church in bringing holiday cheer to our neighbors at the Lynhurst Healthcare nursing home.



\$12 Includes tax & gift wrapping




Your gift includes fuzzy gloves, a Satin Hands lotion, and a candy cane!



Adopt as many residents as you'd like. Each gift will include a card with your name/the name of the church or business you represent.



PIC•COLLAGE





Experience the Wonder of Christmas

Family Candlelight Service

Christmas Carols, Virtual Choir & Kids Sharing the Christmas Story

Christmas Eve - 4:30 PM & 8 PM (online)

Christmas Day - 12 PM (online)

Scripture, Songs & S'Mores

Outdoor Family Gathering around a Bonfire at West Park

Christmas Eve - 6 PM (2302 West Morris, Indy)

Candlelight Communion

Usher in Christmas with this Special Communion Vigil

Christmas Eve - 11 PM (online)







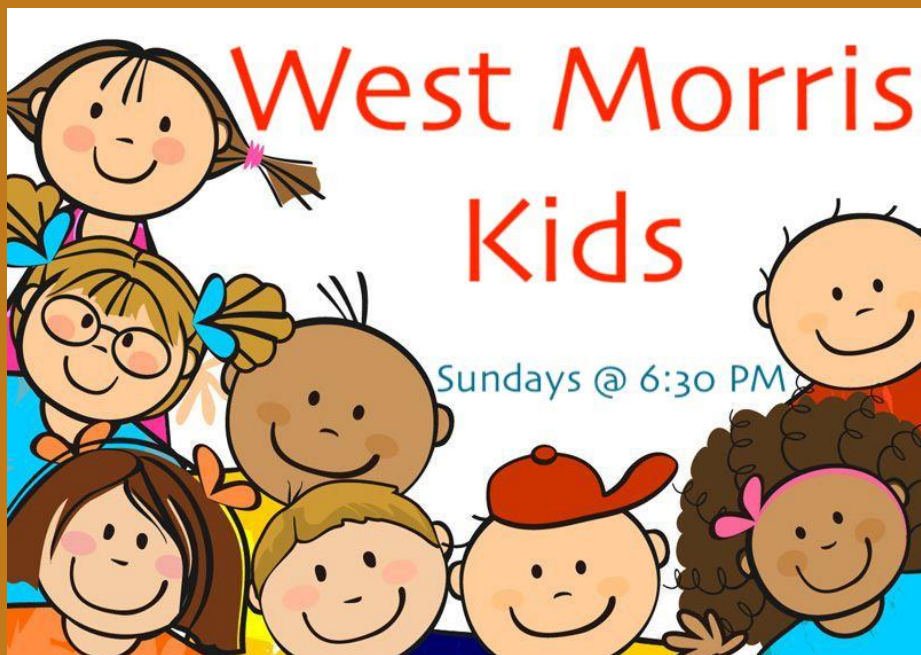

**All online services available on our website, the West Morris FMC Facebook Group, and our toll-free call-in number (844-756-1591).*

January

- Pastor Sarah starts at WM as NextGen Pastor
- John Wesley Covenant Renewal service
- FM Way introduced to FMC by the Bishops
- Vaccines started rolling out in Indiana
- Youth Group started meeting Sunday nights
- WM Kids continue to meet Sunday nights
- Young Adults started meeting Wednesday nights
- Wabash Institute ordination classes offered and taken by FOUR LMCs from WM, and taught by Pastors Brett & Kristen
- Deep Dive in Luke's Gospel begun with narrative lectionary
- Journals, Bibles & Star Words given out to everyone at WM
- Bible & Journal 101 classes offered

**TEENS
SUNDAYS
7:30 PM**

join us



20^s & 30^s

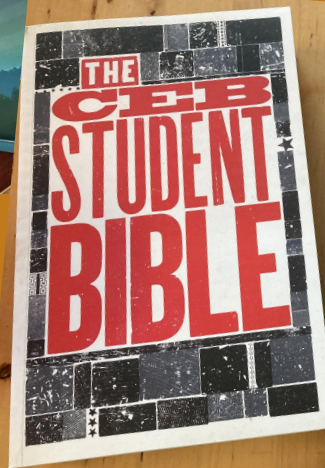
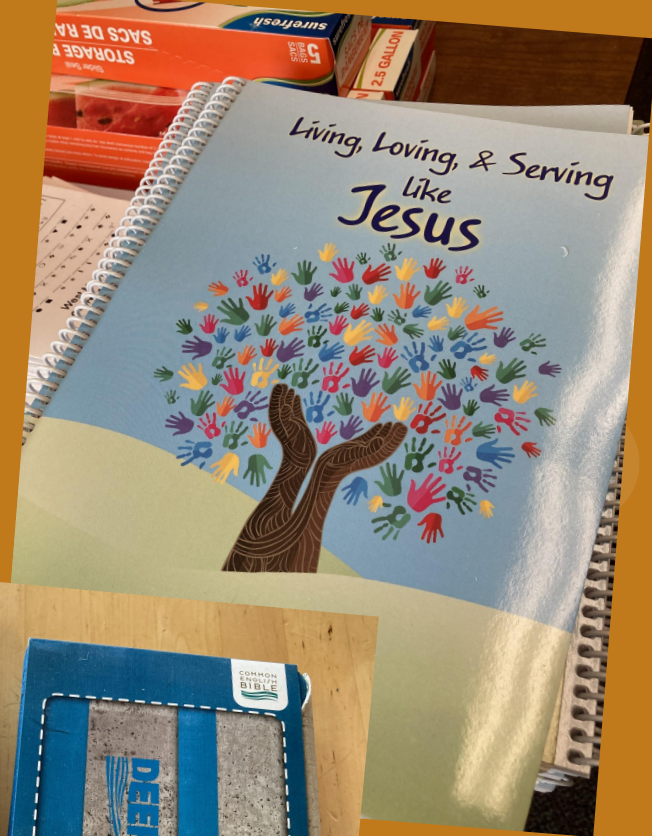
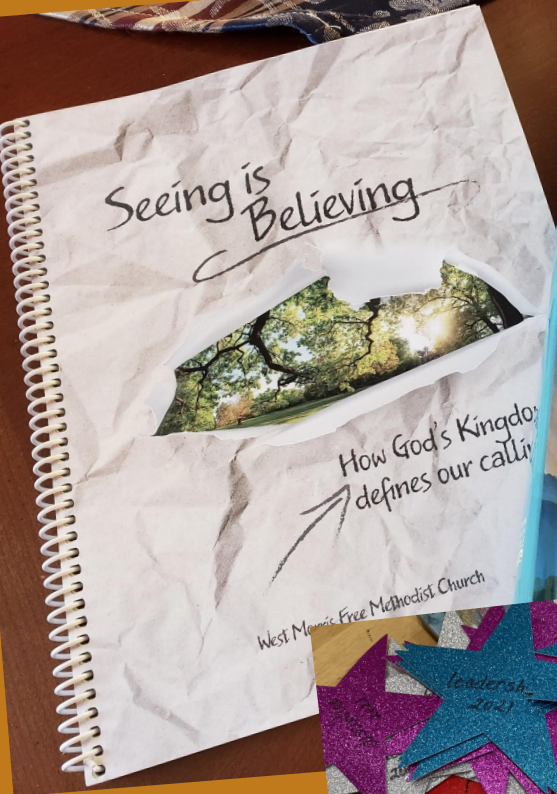
YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUP
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7PM

Join us on zoom for some bonding and group discussion
bit.ly/WM_YoungAdults

Diving Deep
into Luke's Gospel

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SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM (ET) ON FACEBOOK
SUNDAYS @ 10:30 AM (ET) ON ZOOM (323-968-7750)



February

- Warming Shelter opened for 2 weeks & continued during church office hours
- The Chosen Life Connection Groups begun online and in-person
- Ash Wednesday service offered online and in-person
- Youth Group Valentine's Day party
- Leadership team engages in Future Summit Leadership Retreat

The CHOSEN

Life Connection Groups

Be intentional about growing closer to Jesus & others.
Gather around the table to eat in community.
Watch. Discuss. Share. Laugh.

Join a Life Connection Group based around the TV series, "The Chosen" & meet Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome!



IN-PERSON GROUP

Saturdays @ 6:30-8:30 PM
8250 Hayworth Rd., Indianapolis
February 13-April 3
Dinner Included!



JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON!



ONLINE ZOOM GROUP

Mondays @ 7-8:30 PM
bit.ly/WM_Zoom
February 15-April 5



The Warming Shelter

WEST MORRIS CHURCH

2302 WEST MORRIS ST

SNACKS - DRINKS - HOT FOOD - COLD-
WEATHER ESSENTIALS - CLOTHING CLOSET

FEBRUARY 15-19

9AM-NOON & 5-9 PM

DOOR #1

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WEST MORRIS CHURCH PRESENTS

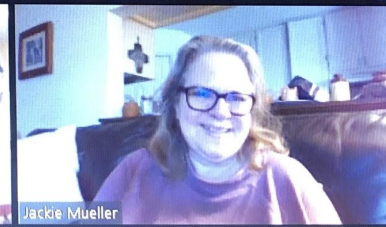
A Night with New Room

ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATED!*

A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FILLED WITH
LEARNING, LAMENT, REPENTANCE & PRAYER

ONLINE WED, FEB 17 @ 7-9 PM
bit.ly/WM_Zoom

*Due to the snow & cold weather, this will be held primarily online. However, in-person viewing will also take place at the warming shelter at the church!





In Memory

Of...


Susan Pugh

Marge Platt

Wally Murray

512,000+ lost to
COVID in the US

Others...

A black and white photograph of a man standing on a small stage or pulpit, pointing his right arm towards a large, dark crowd of people. He is wearing a short-sleeved shirt with a dense, light-colored pattern. The background is filled with the silhouettes of many people, suggesting a large church service or gathering. The lighting is dramatic, with the man's arm and shirt highlighted against the dark background.

the lost aren't commanded
to go to church.
the church is commanded
to go to the lost.



shanepruitt.com

WEST MORRIS CHURCH

IN

STARTING MARCH 21

PERSON

10:30 AM

2302 WEST MORRIS ST, INDIANAPOLIS

WORSHIP

ONLINE WORSHIP

9:30 AM

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