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And the wall will come tumblin' down...

Remember the congestion in the Gathering Area before and after services on Sunday mornings? Beginning **July 25** the wall between the Gathering

Area and Room 106 will come 'tumblin' down' making more room for fellowship.

Over the past several years there has been much discussion about whether or

not this wall should be removed. Good information has been shared about the benefits of keeping the classroom or enlarging the fellowship area and giving the north entry a new, welcoming appearance. The Church Council and the Board of Trustees made the decision this spring to remove the wall and expand the Gathering Area.

The Trustees studied options for years on what to do with the "floating floor" and made several grout cuts to relieve pressure. This resulted in limited success and without other safe options recommended removal and replacement. Unfortunately, tests show there is asbestos under the tile floor as well as the floors in rooms 106 and 108. This will all be properly

removed along with the wall this summer.

During the demolition, removal and replacement process access to the

main floor will also not be available during construction.

We look forward to an inviting and expanded Gathering Area as well as the flexibility of Room 108.



Welcome Wall

We are also taking this opportunity to create a "Welcome Wall". You are invited to warmly welcome and greet Rev. David Kalas and his family by writing messages on this wall in our Gathering Area. *Yes, you read that correctly... we're giving you permission to write on the wall!* Please pick up a marker and write your welcome message on the east wall that already has our purpose statement (*pictured*). This is a great way for the Kalas family to receive a warm welcome!

church will be limited during the weekdays. The project is scheduled to begin **July 25** and last three weeks.

The church building will be **closed for business** beginning **Monday, August 1** thru **Friday, August 5** and again on **Monday, August 8** thru **Friday, August 12**. During this time you may stay informed by checking your bulletin, contacting the church office by phone or email, visiting the church website and also by subscribing to 'This Week at First' where we will regularly update the status of the project and any changes that may occur to scheduling. Classes and meetings in the affected areas will be moved so please check the sources mentioned for the latest information. Please note that elevator access to the

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Preparing for Worship in July



Sunday Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.

Fresh Bread Contemporary Worship at the YWCA at 10:30 a.m.

July 3- 10:00 a.m. only

One combined worship service in Jackson Park at 10:00 a.m.

Communion

Sermon Title: One in Christ

Preacher: Rev. Dave Wilkinson

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

“We must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knitted together.”

Our theme for the day, as we conclude this interim period and prepare for Pastor David Kalas’ arrival, is that we are “One in Christ.” Deacon Dave will preach based on Ephesians 4:1-16. Communion will be served by Rev. Norm Stephenson. Join us as we come together as one. Park benches will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

Following the service stay for a brat cookout. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, please plan to bring beverages, plates and utensils for your family.

July 10

Sermon Title: "I, Rebekah"

Preacher: Rev. David Kalas

Scripture: Genesis 24

This is Pastor David Kalas and his family’s first Sunday with us. Setting the stage for the new adventure that we are beginning together, Pastor David will preach from Genesis 24 in a sermon titled, “I, Rebekah.”

July 17

Sermon Title: "Personal Business"

Preacher: Rev. David Kalas

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Working from a conversation between Jesus and a lawyer in Matthew 22:34-40, Pastor David will embark on some “Personal Business” with us this Sunday.

July 24

Sermon Title: "Growing Up Like a Child"

Preacher: Rev. David Kalas

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-7

When you were a child, whom did you admire? Whom did you want to be like when you grew up? Exploring a teaching of Jesus in Matthew 18:1-7, Pastor David will preach about “Growing Up Like a Child.”

July 31

Sermon Title: "Day Four at Jericho"

Preacher: Rev. David Kalas

From our youngest days in Sunday School, we have known the story of Joshua and the fabled walls of Jericho (Joshua 6). We remember that it was a seven-day process, and we have seen depictions of the ruins and triumph on that seventh day. But on this particular Sunday, Pastor David will invite us to consider “Day Four at Jericho.”

Wear your name tag

In an effort to help Rev. Kalas and his family become more familiar with all of us here at First Church, we are inviting you to begin regularly wearing your name tag. If you need a new one, please notify the office right away so they can have yours ready.





A Great Church

By Rev. David Kalas
Lead Pastor

“I hear you’re going to Green Bay.”

That sentence has become a fixture in my daily life and conversation. Hardly a day has gone by in the past three months without someone saying that – or something like it – to me. Church members who didn’t happen to be in church on the Sunday when the news was first announced; friends around town; and a great many colleagues around the state, especially at Annual Conference, have all started conversations with me that same way: “Hey, I hear you’re going to Green Bay!”

The conversations that have followed have ranged from talking about the Packers to the challenges of moving. Some folks ask right away about how Karen and the kids are feeling, while others ask about whether we’ve found a house in Green Bay or sold our home in Whitewater yet. There’s talk of schools and

neighborhoods, last Sundays and first Sundays, and the ongoing need for empty boxes.

One particular conversation especially stands out in my mind, though. The gentleman approached me and said, “I hear you’re going to Green Bay. That’s a great church!”

I nodded in agreement, and then he and I began to share what each of us knew about First Church. The entire conversation was interesting to me, but it is that phrase he used that has stayed with me most. “A great church.” I wonder just what that means.

Of course, I’m sure that it means different things to different people. It might be a reference to the building, the history, or the size of a church. It might stem from a church’s reputation for outreach or preaching, for youth ministry or music. Or it might be something that a given individual says because of the inspiration, the care, and the fellowship that they’ve experienced in a church; and so they say with personal warmth and gratitude, “That’s a great church!”

The question that I have been pondering, though, is this: Would the Lord say that about our church? Or,

put another way: What does *He* consider to be a great church?

I’d like for us to ponder that question together in the coming months. I believe that the answer should be our aspiration.

Monthly Finance Report

The following numbers represent the financial results for the church for the five months ending **May 2011**:

Expected Revenue to date:
\$294,986

Actual Revenue to date:
\$287,060

Expected Expenses to date:
\$353,686

Actual Expenses to date:
\$343,854

In summary, through May the net deficit for the church totaled \$56,794 compared to a budgeted net deficit for the first five months of \$58,700.

As a reminder, the full year budget for FUMC shows an ending net deficit of \$27,477. The 2011 pledge volume was significantly lower than in prior years; therefore, the 2011 budget was approved with the expectation that the church would need to raise an additional \$85,000 above and beyond the 2011 pledges in order to meet this budget.

The Finance Committee, along with Church Council, is currently working on a plan to address this need and information will be disseminated as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrie Stargardt at (920)785-0635.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER

By Tina Novak

I was a freshman in high school when we got a phone call later at night that my dad's mom was in the hospital and she had asked to see her sons. I was in bed and I cried as I prayed to God to not let her die. We drove the 3 ½ hours for my parents to go visit her while my sisters and I stayed at my other grandma's house. We planned to go back to Wisconsin the next morning. There was nothing else for us to do there except wait. On Monday morning when we got up my parents told me that she had passed away.

That was a transforming experience for me. Why had God let her die when I prayed that He wouldn't? What was this all about? I thought if you asked, prayed for something through prayer, it would happen. How could God do this?

Of course, my experiences and beliefs about prayer have changed a lot since then. For a long time, I went the other way—not asking God for what I wanted and instead only asking for strength to get through whatever happened or asking for guidance and knowledge. Looking at that now, I think it was a way to protect myself from feelings of anger and disappointment at God if I asked for something again and it didn't turn out the way I wanted.

Today, I know it is okay to ask for exactly what I want but I also ask for strength and guidance to help me through whatever happens. I understand it is more complex than just asking and getting. Sometimes, too, it doesn't happen the way I want but in a way that's much better than I expected. Thanks be to God for that and the wisdom to be able to see it!



In July our Loose Coin Offering will go to support one of our own — Kelly DeCaster — in mission. Kelly wrote the following regarding her year-long mission adventure:

"My name is Kelly DeCaster, and I grew up going to First Church. I attended Sunday school throughout grade school, was confirmed when I was 14, and have enjoyed ushering at Christmas Eve service when I'm home from college. I attended the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities and recently graduated with a degree in Marketing and Spanish. I'm excited to use what I've learned throughout college as I move into the next stage of life. In October I'll be leaving the US to serve as a missionary with an organization called Adventures in Missions, specifically through their program called the World Race. While on the World Race, my squad and I (50 people total) will serve for 11 months in 11 countries between Central America, East Asia, and Africa. We'll partner with churches and ministries in local communities to share the gospel, plant churches, work in orphanages, build sustainable housing, and minister to victims of human trafficking. My year abroad will be packed with ministry, community and adventure, as well as many challenges. And this is exactly why I want to go. I'm excited for every aspect of the World Race, and I'm praying that God will use these experiences to change the hearts of others as well as my own.

I hope not only to be a blessing to those I serve, but also to you. I am honored to go as a representative of First Church to bring the gospel of Christ to nations around the world. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. If you have any questions or would like to talk with me personally, please don't hesitate to contact me at deca0032@umn.edu or (920) 227-5002. I'd love to hear from you!"

In Christ,
Kelly

Let God change the world through you and your change.

The Loose Coin Offering for May, which was in support of **Lithuanian Mission Team Projects** during the July Mission Trip to our sister church in Pilviskiai, collected \$690.40.

Do you love kids?

Have you ever thought about volunteering to work with our children here at First Church? Sign up now to help out by volunteering in Children's Sunday School this fall! We need your skills and talents, so don't think you can't make a difference in their lives! Sign up to lead one five-week rotation in any of our varied areas or you can volunteer to assist where needed, too. Training will also be provided. Please email Joy Rockstroh at jrockstroh@fumcgb.org or call 437-9252 ext. 104 to sign up.



Meet the Discipleship Committee

By Lina Green, Discipleship Director & Adult Discipleship Coordinator

You have heard me use the term *discipleship* a lot lately. You may even have noticed several different types of *discipleship committees* meeting of late. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Discipleship Committee.

Pat Heil (Discipleship Leader), Scott Huntley (Adult Discipleship Chair), Lisa Malmberg (Youth Coordinator), Joy Rockstroh (Children's Coordinator), Rev. Dave Wilkinson, Diane Wilson (Children's Council Chair) and I have been meeting regularly to establish a vision for all of the discipleship and education programs at First Church. This vision, and the subsequent values, we developed provide guidance across all the age groups; children, youth and adult. With the help of this vision,

we hope to create an array of opportunities that will help develop the whole Christian.

In the fall you will find a return to Wednesday night activities. The offerings will be varied so that you may choose to participate in things that interest you in many areas. Look for more information on the classes and a special **Fall Fiesta of Fellowship, on September 7**, where you can sign up! Youth group will continue to meet. We will have children's activities and nursery care. All ages will be able to have fellowship on the same night!

The vision and values are listed below. We welcome your feedback. This is an exciting time for us to grow as people and as Christians; to get to know one another; to become a stronger congregation of one that worships in many ways; and to have some fun. Please plan to join us on Wednesdays in the fall.

Happy Summer!

Lina

Discipleship Council Vision

Through active invitation and dynamic participation we will grow the discipleship of our faith community by:

- Developing personal relationships with Jesus Christ
- Focusing on thoughtful prayer
- Fostering community by increased participation in worship, small groups and mission within our children, youth, and adult ministries
- Encourage mutual accountability and support of the church

With this vision our church will be one body with many parts; with Christ as the head. (1 Corinthians 12)

Discipleship Council Values

1. **Love**

We will share Christ's love unconditionally.

2. **Communication**

In all conversation, we will be open, respectful, and constructive.

3. **Tradition**

We will follow United Methodist core values.

4. **Change**

We will build on our future considering our past and using what God has given us.

5. **Active**

Our faith will be lived out in our servant ministry.

6. **Reflective**

Our actions are guided by God's will.

7. **Acceptance**

We will welcome people where they are and encourage them in their ongoing journey.

Companions in Christ celebration, reunion and informational meeting

There will be a multi-purpose celebration, reunion and informational meeting for all Companions in Christ grads and those interested in learning more about this group on **Sunday, July 31** at 6:30 p.m. here at First Church in Fellowship Hall.

Call Donna Wilkinson (920) 391-0734 or Diane Wilson (920) 499-5520 for more information.

Meet our 2011 High School Graduates



Kaitlyn Bouvette graduated from Luxemburg Casco High School and will be attending UWGB majoring in Social Work.



Sam Milhaupt graduated from Ashwaubenon High School and is attending NWTC for Business Management. Sam plans to transfer to UW Eau Claire.



Blaine Burham graduated from Southwest High School and is attending UW Eau Claire majoring in Business Administration.



Corey Warren graduated from East High School and is planning to attend Cornell University to study foreign languages and writing.



Matt Dobson graduated from Preble High School and will be attending Northern Michigan University. He's majoring in Athletic Training and Coaching and will also play football for the Wildcats.

Eastern Gate greeters

Recently, you may have been welcomed by Youth serving as greeters at our "**Eastern Gate**" on Sunday mornings before the 9:15 a.m. service. One of our students, Alex Huntley, came up with this idea to honor Lee Lewis-Nytes' memory with his signature "Good Morning and Welcome!"

We are very proud of this young man's suggestion and would like this role to continue and expand. We are extending an invitation to you to pick up an "Eastern Gate Greeter" nametag (located just inside this entrance) and extend a warm welcome to members and guests as they arrive for worship. Anyone is welcome to greet in this spirit of hospitality, and we especially hope to see more children, youth and families participate in this way!



The Dorothy A. Rosenberg Good Will Place was one of five area pantries selected to receive proceeds from the Green Bay Packers "Hunting Down Hunger" hat sales. We received a check for \$3,000 dollars. With our recent expansion covering all of the 54301 and 54302 zip code areas, it is extremely helpful.

As summertime arrives, please remember our pantry as you visit area neighborhood rummage sales. We are always in need of towels, wash cloths and bedding. Garden produce or Farmers Market vegetables are always appreciated as well. Please continue to save double handled paper bags for us.

Items needed in July are canned fruits, canned meats, paper products (toilet paper, paper toweling, large trash bags, and Ziploc bags).

As always, your support is truly appreciated!

Softball update

As this goes to print the FUMC team is on a blazing hot one game winning streak. There are no games played on July 3 so we will put that weekend in the win column as well. The July 10 game will be at 5:30 p.m. on the lower diamond at John Muir Park. We will also play July 17, 24, and 31 at John Muir but the diamond/time has yet to be determined.

We have undoubtedly the largest fan following of any team! We are also proud to report that, to date, NO fan of FUMC has been ejected or lost their seat privileges. Thanks so much for your support!

P.S. There has been no signed agreement between the players and owners for next season. This could be your last chance to see cheap, high quality softball in the Green Bay area for years. Come on out and catch a game before it's too late!



Being active and in service

By Lisa Malmberg
Youth Discipleship
Coordinator

As the Discipleship Team prepared for our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, it got me thinking about how many people we have in service in the many varied areas here at First Church and how fortunate we are to have them! Volunteering is no easy task. It may require you to do something you have always feared, such as speaking in front of a large group or require you to lead in a way you have never done before by teaching or mentoring. Not always knowing what an opportunity brings is a whole new kind of fear.

What I find the most intriguing about that is all of these volunteers didn't allow their fear to dictate whether or not they would try something new. They just went ahead and did it anyway. Now, mind you, there may have been some arm twisting along the way too but ultimately they

agreed and gave it a shot. How easy would it be to say no instead or make every excuse imaginable? I'm too busy; the kids have so much going on; I'm just not ready... the list goes on and on.

Since I work in an area that relies on both volunteers and youth attendance, I am painfully aware that we are in major competition with everything else people have going on in their very busy lives. Sundays and Wednesday nights are no longer considered sacred. Sports, music, academics, dance, etc. are now scheduled on those days along with all of the other things in everyday life. Due to this, volunteer interest and regular attendance in Sunday School and Youth Group have declined. This is especially so as our youth get older. I realize that sometimes it is a difficult choice. As parents we have our share of battles and many days we simply don't

want another one. I'm a parent so I get it, but if we don't create the expectation to be here and involved at church who will?

As I get to know more and more of our youth, I see how important being a Christian right now is for them. There are so many things fighting for their attention and time. Friends can also be very cruel when they aren't at the top of the list. Having a safe place to go where they can speak freely with trust plays a huge role in their confidence and their ability to stand up for what is right. We do our best to foster that in them when we are together. Many of our older youth mentor the younger ones in ways they don't even realize until it's pointed out to them. Our role is to help them see that and to also help them create a relationship with God that works for them. If they don't see God in the everyday how are they going to choose when faced

with these difficult choices, influences and pressures?

Working with youth can be incredibly rewarding and they need good, strong, positive role models that will be honest and true. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and volunteer. To bluntly break it down for you, I currently have only 8 people that lead either Sunday School or Youth Group. That number includes our lay leader, our youth interns and myself. Any time that you would be willing to give is truly appreciated. We can always use someone willing to be a substitute as well. Your time and efforts can and do make a difference here at First!

"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NIV

God's Blessings,
Lisa



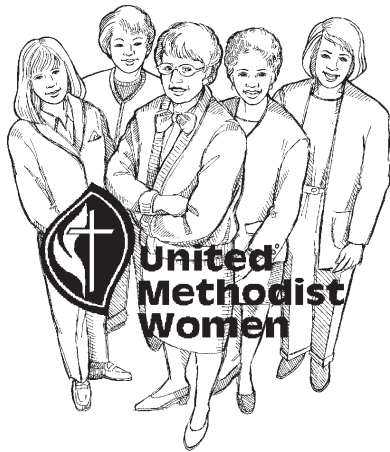
Discipleship Updates

Wednesday, July 6- Sunday, July 10: Lifest- Lifest is more than music with over 150 acts in all on 6 stages! Contact Doug Dickinson if interested at dickinsond@yahoo.com or (920) 497-4534 **Cost:** \$140 covers ticket, camping and food for five days, spending money additional. Current medical release form and permission slip are required.

August 8-11: Pine Lake Family/Youth Camp- We stay in the retreat center overlooking the lake and will have many activities including swimming, canoeing/paddle boats, field games and much more! This is a great opportunity for your kids to grow their friendships and faith in the beauty of God's wilderness.

Location: Westfield, WI- roughly 2 hours and 15 minutes from Green Bay
Cost: \$105 for children age 1-11, \$130 for youth age 12-18 and \$155 for adults, fee includes room and board plus 9 meals. Additional spending money needed for lunch on August 8 and to purchase anything from the camp store. Payment in full needs to be received by **July 29.**

Deposit: \$25 deposit per person by **July 1.** Reservation forms are available in the church office. Current medical release form and permission form are required for anyone attending without parents and will be mailed after deposit is received.



UMW News

Treasured Member Celebration

Thanks to all who planned and participated in the wonderful Treasured Member Luncheon held on Tuesday, June 7. We are especially grateful for the five special women who were honored. June Reed, Harriet Ziemer, Jeane Stoll, Rita Whiteman and Helen Wright (*pictured at right*) have been active members of United Methodist Women for many years. Each woman was interviewed before the event and we all enjoyed hearing from them about their families, their interesting lives, and their activities in the church and the community. We all agreed that UMW and our congregation have certainly been blessed by their presence.

All Things Made New is the theme for the **The School of Christian Mission** to be held **August 2-5**. Drive-in Day is **Saturday, August 6** at the Ramada Inn Conference Center, Steven's Point. Come for the worship, fellowship, mission inspiration and education! The 2011 Mission Studies are: 1) Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, 2) Haiti, 3) Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Call Mary Dorchester for registration details, (920)468-6155.

Missionary to Zambia, Rev. Paul Webster

Rev. Paul Webster, a native of New Richmond, will be back home in Wisconsin June-July, 2011. He will be visiting churches to seek covenants of support for his work at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia, Africa. Brillion Faith UMC is fortunate to have Reverend Paul scheduled to speak on **Friday, July 15**. We will start with a lunch at noon with Paul's presentation to follow at 1:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to meet with Paul and hear about his mission work in Africa is welcome to join us. Just let us know if you will join us for lunch. The church address is



204 Horn St., Brillion, WI.

Please RSVP to Mary Dorchester (920) 468-6115 to carpool to Brillion. You can register with Amy Genske (920) 853-3759, aegenske48@bugnet.net or Jan Stanko (920) 756-3445, jan2tigs@charter.net

Redbird Mission Movie

The Mission Appalachia (Redbird Mission) movie will be shown on **Wednesday, August 3** at 10:00 a.m. in Starlite Cinema on our 2nd floor. Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet

these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement. All are invited to view this film about the United Methodist Mission in the Appalachian Mountains and to "meet" the residents on film who benefit from this ministry. Sign-up on the Summer Interest Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area. Free popcorn!

Evelyn's Book Club

Evelyn's Book Club members are encouraged to participate with The First Book Club for their Summer Interest Group gathering. The date will be **Thursday, August 4** at 7:00 p.m. in room Z120. The chosen book is *The Late Homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir* by Kao Kalia Yang. This book was selected for the United Methodist Women Reading Program in the category of Nurturing for Community. It also happens to be the selection for the *One Book, One Community, Brown County Reads*, sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin Arts Council. Copies are available in the Brown County Library. All women and men who are interested in participating are invited to sign up on the Summer Interest Group bulletin board.

Mission Day in Milwaukee

On **June 22** UMW women and men joined others from Nicolet District on a one-day mission work trip to Children's Services in Milwaukee and the Hmong House of Good News. These are two of the Wisconsin ministries that UMW supports. A delicious lunch was served at the Hmong House of Good News and much work was accomplished. Thanks to all who participated!

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Another Preschool year has ended

Summer is finally upon us, and not only does that mean swimming pools and trips to Bay Beach, but also another fun filled year at First Preschool has come to a close! As we look back at our second full year as First Preschool and Daycare, there are numerous adventures and fun activities that stand out: the trip to the Farm, learning sign language from Mrs. Jones, cheering on the Packers in the Super Bowl, learning about the Royal wedding, and most importantly being surrounded by friends and teachers that have all become such close family.

The programs that the children will get to enjoy this month are: Swimming Lessons, Kiddy Keys, Kids on the

Move and Stretch-n-Grow. A big thank you to the wonderful classroom volunteers: Ms. Hickey, Mrs. Carlson, Beth Kornowski and Amy Ruiz. Those who also have volunteered their time with our children: Kris Searle (Spanish), Mrs. Jones (volunteering to teach our 3's class sign language), and Sara Kowalski (Computers for Pre-K and Scholastic book volunteer). Throughout the week there are a lot of programs that our families have the option of taking advantage of, and we'd like to thank Mrs. Wilkinson (Kiddy Keys), Ms. Sheryl (Stretch-n-Grow), and Ms. Rieder (Kids on the Move) for all of their hard work and dedication.

The most exciting news at First Preschool and Daycare is that we are now able to offer infant and toddler care in a nurturing Christian environment. We are currently accepting enrollment, and enrollment is still open for our other Preschool age classes (but space is filling up). If you have any questions or interest in our programs, please contact our Director Anita Ebenhoe at (920) 437-0736 or via email at preschool@fumcgb.org to set up a tour or receive additional information.



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Calendar of upcoming UMW Events

Local:

October 11: Fall Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

District & State:

September 24 - UMW Nicolet District Annual Celebration and Officer Training at Seymour UM Church

October 21-22 - UMW Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering at Black River Falls

Current event details are listed on page 8 and under Summer Interest Groups, opposite.

Summer Interest Groups

UMW is sponsoring a number of summer interest groups for congregation members, (women and men). This summer's groups are up and running and, some have already completed their scheduled meeting dates. If you're still looking for a summer activity or mission consider one of these programs and watch the bulletin for details on the next group meeting:

Box Office Blitz (Let's go to the movies); **Quilting in the Evening** (for new and experienced quilters); **Scrapbooking** (an ongoing group); **Mystery Book Club** (meets monthly at The Attic Book Store); **Healthy Foods for Healthy Living**; **One Book - One Community** - the book all Green Bay will be reading this summer - **August 4, 7:00 p.m.** in Room Z120. See UMW Article "Evelyn's Book Club" for book details.



Green Tip of the Month

American Households use lots of paper products, particularly in the summer when we picnic and Bar-B-Q. Here are a couple of “Green” thoughts to keep in mind this month.

~**Paper Towels** - If you must use them, select paper towel rolls with smaller-size sheets in order to extend the life of each roll. A decrease in U.S. household consumption of just three rolls per year would save 120,000 tons of waste and \$4.1 million in landfill dumping fees!

~**Consider old t-shirts for rags** instead of paper towels around the house. They’re washable and reusable.

~**Paper Napkins** - Americans (per person) consume an average of 2,200 two-ply napkins per year, or just over 6 napkins per day. If each person used just 1 fewer napkin per day, it would save about 150 million of them from the trash — enough to provide a napkin to every person who eats a hot dog at a baseball game in July. **Whenever possible use cloth napkins.** Not only is it good for the environment, it adds a touch of class to your picnic.



This month we give thanks to...

Lisa Magnin for producing the introductory videos of Pastor David Kalas and to **Shannon Mobley** for doing the voice-over work. The videos were shown in worship and posted online for folks to get to know Pastor David even before he arrives.

Alice Magray, Bonnie Veitch, Lynda Hansen, Nancy Albers and Esther Andreas for responding to the call in “You Can Count on Me” to wash the kitchen laundry.

Phyllis Calder and Betsy Erickson for preparing Books Between Bites lunch each week.

This month we received thanks from...

Deacon Dave Wilkinson: “I want to thank all of those who have helped carry us through this 10-week period of transition between the Johnsens and Pastor David Kalas. A marvelous number of folks — laity, staff, circuit clergy, and retired clergy — have stepped up and stepped forward to make this transition time a real blessing in the life of our congregation. You have preached and prayed, given your time and talents, increased your giving and service and witness, and offered your support. I have not heard complaints, but rather ‘how can I help.’ I also want to thank Pastor David, as he has already been engaging the staff and lay leadership during this transition because he wanted to get a head start on his ministry with us. This transition period has been a real gift for our congregation, one that many churches are not able to experience. THANK YOU!”

Best Wishes Courtney!

By Jamie Babbitts, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

We regret to share that Dr. Courtney Sherman, Sanctuary Choir Director, has resigned with her last Sunday at First Church being **July 10**. We appreciate her sharing her musical talents and expertise with our choir members and congregation over the past two years. In addition, as a soloist, we enjoyed her beautiful voice adding a special touch to the worship experience. We send Courtney out with many blessings!

SPRC will be filling this important role for our music ministries with a goal of having Sanctuary Choir leadership in place for the fall.



Happy Birthday to our Treasured Members (80 years and beyond)!

July	
7/02	Jim Lightner
7/05	Ruth Whitmore (Lake Geneva, WI)
7/06	Gerry Christoph
7/06	Esther Bredael
7/08	Betty Krouth
7/11	Al Paulson
7/12	Betsy Hendrickson
7/22	Elmo Reed
7/23	Edythe Bennie
7/25	Liz Shaub
7/27	Frances Bilodeau
7/27	Donald Johnson
7/30	Millicent Tursky

Each month we publish names of our Treasured Members celebrating birthdays. Church members and friends are encouraged to send cards or to make personal calls to these individuals listed. Three times a year we celebrate birthdays during coffee fellowship. The next celebration will be in church on **Sunday, September 18**. If you are aware of birthdays that were inadvertently forgotten, please contact the office with the information.

Please consider how you might participate with the Caring Ministry outreach efforts. Opportunities include providing rides to church or to appointments, making visits to homebound members, helping with minor home repair projects ("Helping Hands" Ministry), or help with lawn care or snow removal. Please contact a member of the Caring Ministry steering committee to get involved.

Caring Ministry steering team members include: Les Van Vonderen

Baptisms

Bernard Carl Buechner III was baptized on June 5 by Rev. Randy Richter. Bernard was born to Julie and Bernard on December 30, 2010. Sponsors are Katie Hinrichs and Matt Schmidt.

Weddings

Ryan Heaser and Nicole Marquardt were married in our sanctuary on June 11, 2011 by Rev. Dave Wilkinson.

Brent Westlund and Jami Knight were married on June 17, 2011 by Rev. Dave Wilkinson.

Deaths

Jane Dorschel passed away on May 21, 2011.

Marvel J. Golla passed away on June 16, 2011

Eunice Fosterling passed away on June 19, 2011.

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The General Board of Church and Society Awards Grant to JOSHUA



Kathy Daley representing JOSHUA at our Mission Fair

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United Methodist General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) has awarded grants totaling \$50,000 to 18 Peace with Justice ministries. The grants are awarded in conjunction with the denomination's Peace with Justice Sunday (**June 19**), which witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world.

Among the recipients was JOSHUA, a coalition of 17 faith communities in the Greater Green Bay, WI area which was granted \$2,500. **First United Methodist Church** is a member of the organization dedicated to building relationships among faith communities to work on issues of justice and community improvement. The project promotes just policies to restore communities by framing poverty, transportation and incarceration for substance abuse and mental health as health-equity issues.

JOSHUA asserts that these issues affect not only the life-long health of individuals, but also of their communities. Education of community members is vital, along with empowerment of individuals in poverty and in ethnic minorities to have an impact on public policy while members of faith communities speak in solidarity with them.