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ADDING FLAVOR TO LIFE

To be “connected” in the 21st century is to be privileged. Living in a world that is increasingly perceived to be “flat”, those of us who have access to the internet are able to be competitive in economies of money, education, and well-being (or health). And we can do so virtually any time in the day in the so-called “24-hour global economy” in which CNN never sleeps and “ebay” is always open for us to buy and sell, whether we need to do so or not. By contrast, those persons who do not have access to the internet by virtue of not having a computer are likely to be vulnerable due to the absence of money, a lack of education, and/or the curse of being uninsured.

To be “connected” in the 18th and 19th centuries in England and America was also to be privileged. Although Methodists in the 18th and 19th centuries lived in a very different world of monetary exchange, educational opportunity, and communications ability, they understood the benefits of being a “connectional” people. With their imaginations enriched by the metaphors and stories of the Old and New Testament scriptures, they celebrated the superabundance of God’s grace made possible through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Methodists displayed vivid imaginations of the ways that God was using the church as the means for communicating the good news of the gospel to the principalities and powers of the world (**Ephesians 3:9-10**).

So what does it mean to be connected for us today in New Berlin? Our church is part of Circuit SE10 (OLUMC - Agape - 1st Waukesha - El Buen Samaritano - Salem UMC). As part of the circuit tradition, we find ways to connect outside of our own church building. For instance, clergy and laity had a very informative discussion about the demographics of this area and how we need to minister to this community. It was wonderful as Chuck Garregues and the rest of the group helped us to visualize Christ in our daily lives. It was moving. It was spiritual.

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Then we talked about our next **Thanksgiving worship service at Our Lords on Wednesday, November 21 @ 7pm**. Last year we celebrated at El Buen Samaritano and had a deeply meaningful experience. They are very thankful for the donation we made to help them buy new chairs for their sanctuary. The circuit is hoping we can have an all church choir like we do every year.

To be connectional means we get out and explore the world. Last month I went to explore the Exodus World Service (EWS) organization with some friends down in the Chicago area. We listened to Phil Visher, the inventor of Veggie Tales, discuss how God is all we need to get through this world and into the next. When we connect to each other and help each other, we are experiencing God in the most meaningful way. EWS helps refugees help themselves. I hope as a connectional church we will continue to connect with other faith communities to support worthwhile causes like this one.

The opportunities are endless. God created us to share what we have : prayer - potlucks - peace - patience - praise - popcorn. Connect with people passionately. Show them you care. In the Spirit of Christ, Jesus will do the rest. -



United Methodist Women

Wednesday, October 10th - Lunch with home-bound church members

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Caring Ministries and UMW will coordinate a lunch for church members who can no longer attend church services on a frequent basis for a variety of reasons. For this special event, committee members will pick up those members who need a ride, bring them to church, provide lunch and an opportunity for fellowship, and take them home. Some of the older members still drive and will drive themselves to this event.

Invitations have been sent out. When the invitees respond that they will come and will need a ride, a driver will be assigned. This volunteer will contact their passenger to arrange a pick-up time and place. We ask the invitees to respond as quickly as possible so the organizers will know how many drivers will be needed, how many meals to prepare, and how many tables to set.

A similar lunch was held last spring and was very successful. All the organizers are greatly looking forward to seeing their home-bound church family members again.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 1:00 p.m. Christmas Cookies Plus Planning Meeting



For 2018, the traditional UMW Christmas Cookies and Crafts Sale will have a new name (still to be decided), a different format/layout, and perhaps a new day/time. UMW officers, crafters, and any interested UMW members will meet Wednesday, October 17, at 1:00 to decide the format of the sale, a potential new day and time, who will coordinate the various aspects of the sale, and the like. As you have read above, there will be much discussion to settle potential changes. If you plan to come, please be on time (1:00), so we can make progress on solutions for any of the changes. This meeting will take the place of the usual crafters get-together on that Wednesday.

UMW Reading Program

In September, UMW members gathered to select new books for the 2018-2019 UMW Reading Program. Our Lord's library in Fellowship Hall has a wide selection of books that are eligible for this program.

The selections are divided into the program's five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. The UMW Reading Program, has four levels of participation: Plan 1 (one book from each category for a total of 5), Plan 2 (2 books from each category for a total of 10), Plan 3 (2 books from each category and 5 books from any category for a total of 15), and Plan 4 (2 books from each category and 10 books from any category for a total of 20). Once a book has been claimed for a specific year, it cannot be used again.

Of course, this reading program is open to women and men who want to add substance to their reading material. You will learn a lot about many topics. If you have any questions, please contact Gwenda Szczygielski, Program Resources, for Our Lord's UMW unit. This year it was decided to discontinue the book discussion program held at church due to time constraints of the discussion leaders.

Trustees

Fall Yard Clean-up October 6th - 9am

The Fall Yard Clean-up is scheduled for October 6, starting at 9:00 a.m. The plan is to relocate the rocks piled at the north end of Fellowship Hall to the area on the north and east sides of the building. Also, general yard clean up, such as raking leaves and trimming bushes. It is recommended some equipment, such as gloves, rakes, trimming equipment, shovels, and buckets to move rocks.

Church Picnic

A BIG thank you to all who helped with the set-up of the All-Church Picnic on Saturday September 15 and those who stayed behind and helped with the clean-up on Sunday!

Parking Lot

The sealing and striping of the parking lot will be postponed. The issue will be reviewed next spring.

Let there be light! The lights bulbs in the parking lot are being replaced by LED bulbs, which are more energy-efficient. Look for the changes. The recessed lights over the soffit at the entrance to Fellowship Hall are not lit. The timer may need to be replaced.

Patio/Deck

The Memorial Committee reported money is available to put toward a patio or deck at the church. This issue has been postponed until spring and will be reviewed at that time.

CHURCH FLOWERBEDS

On Saturday, October 6, at the Trustees fall work day, some fall garden cleanup will be carried out. The plants in the church Flowerbeds have been in place for several years and need to be thinned out and/or removed. Among these plants are Autumn Joy sedums (dark red), Stella d'Oro day lilies (yellow), Siberian irises (dark purple), regular irises (blue), and Elijah Blue Fescue, a grass. All are hardy perennials and will do well in poor growing conditions.

If you are interested in having any of these plants or have questions about them, contact Gwenda Szczygielski at gm53151@wi.rr.com.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Now that the gardening season is winding down, maintenance and updating of the church library in Fellowship Hall will start up. Books have been donated over the summer months and must be processed before putting them on the shelves. New UMW books also must be processed into the system and books no longer eligible (2014 and earlier) for the UMW Reading Program must be reclassified and reprocessed. In addition, to make space for the new books, existing library books must be reviewed to determine if they should remain in the church library, or should they be put out for church members to take, given to Goodwill, or taken to the Milwaukee County Jail.

If you are interested in helping with this church activity, please contact Gwenda Szczygielski at gm53151@wi.rr.com.

Caring Ministries



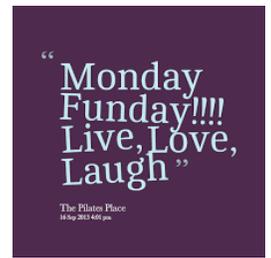
“In the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.” – John 11:16
To all of you who helped with the Luncheon for the Homebound members. You are such a blessing to others in need. Your commitment to helping them is amazing. We all received and felt God’s love and presence there to makes a wonderful event for all the guests and the workers together. Many blessed Thank You’s to all!

The busy holiday months will be here soon. They can bring happy and loving moments for many of us. But they can also bring difficult memories for others. If you are in need of physical care, a meal, transportation, or work in your home, our Caring Ministry Team is here for you. We can also pray for you and support you in any way needed to help make a difference – a brighter tomorrow for you.

As we all trust and lean on the Lord, we are committed to working together with you to make a difference in the lives of those here at Our Lord’s Church. Please do not hesitate to call on us or the church office so we can be of service to you and share God’s love.

Monday Fun-day Fellowship Group Monday October 15th

Monday Fun-day is an open event for everyone in the Church. We meet once a month on the third Monday of each month. It is a chance to get together, to get out of the house, to be active, to make friends, and to support each other. We meet at 10 AM and go until 11:30 or so. Our dates for the rest of the year are October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th. We hope you mark those on your calendar. It is said that socializing is healthy and brings joy and happiness in our hearts! Come and meet us and have a fun time



Outreach

“Gathering” on Saturday October 27th - 9:30am-12:30pm

THE MISSION of the Gathering is to provide meals and associated services to those who would otherwise go hungry or without.

WE RESPECT the dignity and values of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community.

WE ACT directly and in concert with others to alleviate hunger and to address the root causes and related problems associated with hunger.

OUR SUCCESS is demonstrated by providing quality services to our guests and remaining a viable volunteer-driven organization.

Please consider volunteering 3 hours of your time for this meal

program in our Milwaukee community,

724 S Layton Blvd. Milwaukee, WI.

Volunteers, ages 14 and up.



Adult Bible Study

An opportunity for adult bible study is offered each Tuesday morning from 10:00 to about 11:00 in the Wesley Room.

The class starts by reading a psalm, then studies a book from the Bible, using a Barclay commentary. As of the end of September, the class is up Psalm 82 and is studying 2 Peter. This book is short, but has a lot of substance. When the class finishes studying this book, another book of the Bible will be selected.

Participating in this class provides additional spiritual support in our stressful, busy lives.

Youth Corner



Trackers of Truth

K4-3rd Grade and 4th-6th Grade classes are from 10:45-11:30am Meet at stairway across from the nursery.



Confirmation

7th & 8th grades. Fireplace Lounge 10:45-11:30am

LIVE

9th-12th grades. Upper High School Room - 10:45-11:30am. Discipling teenagers by immersing them in who matters most: Jesus

Sunday Worship

Sept 30th

9:30am - Jazz worship
10:30 Fellowship
10:45 Sunday School

Oct 7th

9:30am - Traditional Worship
w/ communion
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School

Oct 14th

9:30am - Traditional Worship
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am - Sunday School

Oct 21st

8:15am - Praise Team
9:30am - Praise Worship
10:30am- Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School

Oct 28th

9:30am - Youth Worship
w/ communion
10:30am - Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School



October Birthdays

Ellie Stapleton	1st
Jill McCanna	4th
Alex Merschdorf	4th
Jack Merschdorf	4th
Jean Meyers	5th
Tim Radzius	6th
Adam Rogge	6th
William Rogge	6th
Connie White	6th
Elizabeth Ware	7th
Samantha Engel	8th
Leslie MacIntyre	11th
Jesse Yokosh	11th
Alex Rodriguez	13th
Carolyn Blotz	14th
Becky Yokosh	17th
Emmalee Springer	17th
Ryan Ware	17th
John Zwicky	18th
Chuck Garrigues	19th
Debbie Huyck	20th
Ben McCanna	20th
Amy Veit	20th
Joe Paquette	22nd
Terri Van Inthoudt	22nd
Jenny Rybarczyk	23rd
Dorothy Focht	24th
Judith Dascenzo	26th
Scott Heinert	27th
Carolyn Huebsch	27th
Grace Sheedy	27th
Kaleb Steinle	28th
Pat Garrigues	29th



Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

Sept. 4, 2018

Prepared by Amy Kesler

Present

Susie Brown, Ruth Bak, Paul Davis, Pat and Chuck Garrigues, Perry Huyck, Amy Kesler, Jane Mackey, Rebecca and Mark Radick, Dave Smith, Elizabeth Ware, and Joe Whyms

Opening

Perry opened the meeting and Chuck provided the opening prayer.

New Berlin Connects – Elizabeth Ware

Elizabeth gave an overview a New Berlin Connects, a proposed not-for-profit organization that could be created and sponsored by Our Lord's United Methodist Church. It would be a separate entity governed by a seven member board of directors, of which four directors (58%) would be required to be members of Our Lord's UMC. It would provide an avenue to attract and align with other community organizations, strengthen our brand and offer long-term growth potential. A motion was made by A. Kesler, seconded by P. Davis and was passed authorizing Elizabeth and team to pursue establishing New Berlin Connects.

Finance – Joe Whyms

Income for August was \$17,841, under budget by \$7,920, while expenses for August were \$23,073, under budget by \$2,688, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$5,232 for the month. Year-to-date income was \$175,496, under budget by \$38,537, while expenses were \$202,539, under budget by \$11,492, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$27,044 year-to-date. This equates to an average monthly negative cash flow of \$3,381 for the eight months. At this rate, we will deplete our undedicated cash flow this month. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

The Salt containing a letter to the congregation about our financial position was handed out at church on Sunday and posted on our Internet page. Recognizing that

the Internet is an external marketing tool, A. Kesler made a motion to remove the letter concerning our financial situation from our website. It was seconded by M. Radick and was passed with one descending vote. The letter will be distributed to members in other ways.

Perry, Keith, Dave and Joe will continue to meet to discuss options to manage our financial situation. A motion was made by P. Davis for Dave to reach out to the district to share our financial status and seek ideas, guidance and resources to help us navigate our situation. The motion was seconded by J. Mackey and was passed.

Trustees – Jane Mackey

Jane provided the following update:

- Thanks to the many volunteers for signing up to collect money during the soccer tournament. There are a few opening available
- Volunteers will be needed to set up for the annual outside worship and picnic on Sept. 15.
- Fall cleanup will be scheduled on Oct.6, 9:00 –12:00 p.m.
- Repaving and restriping the parking lot will be postponed until we can manage the budget requirement.
- The proposal for a patio or deck will be postponed until the church cash flow improves.

Outreach – Mark Radick

Mark shared the following upcoming events:

- Noisy bucket in September will benefit the Cathedral Center
- New Berlin Feeds has been scheduled for May 5.
- The purpose of the Christmas Offering will be determined at a future meeting.

SPRC – Dave Smith

Amy Kesler shared a draft job description as work in progress to shape the staffing needs of the church. That work will continue. Dave also informed the Council of Pastor Keith's Sunday, Sept. 2 announcement.

Perry adjourned the meeting and Dave Smith closed with a prayer.

The next Our Lords UMC Administrative Council meeting will be held on Oct. 2, 2018 at 7 pm.