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THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR LORDS UM CHURCH

Greetings to Friends and Members of Our Lord's UMC

I received a phone call from our DS Forrest Wells Saturday, the 27th, about his progress on appointing an interim pastor for OLUMC. Below is a summary of our conversation.

1. Month of November: Forrest has asked our Rev. Joe Lukonic to lead worship on Sunday 11/04. This first Sunday of the month will include communion, and a celebration of the saints in our lives, much like we have done in past years. The remaining 3 Sundays will be led by retired Pastor Rev. Dick Jones. More on Dick Jones appears below.

2. December and beyond: Forrest is still working with the Bishop's office to identify a candidate who can serve as an interim pastor for OLUMC until next summer when a permanent pastor can be appointed.

3. Upcoming 2018 Charge Conference: Forrest and Dave talked at length about keeping our scheduled charge conference at 11/05 and decided we will postpone the meeting until January next year. Waiting until January allows the interim pastor to participate in the meeting, which is an advantage for both the pastor and the congregation. Meeting date will be announced next month.

4. Other end of year activities: Your lay leadership team, with advice from Dick Jones, will complete some of the other activities related to the charge conference, such as preparing an operations budget for 2019. You will see communications from our finance committee over the next few weeks as we prepare a 2019 budget.

5. Transition to Single Governance Model: Many of you have heard that 2018 has been a transition year for OLUMC leadership as we convert from a traditional committee-based leadership model toward a single governance model. Certain committees will remain in place, but others are blending into a church council that merges the basic functions such as Finance, Trustees, and SPR into a single group. Dick Jones has been retained by OLUMC to consult with us on how to best navigate this transition.

6. Visioning and Mission: Dick Jones has begun leading meetings with our lay leadership team to facilitate a conversation that helps us discern a Vision and Mission that defines the purpose of OLUMC. These conversations will allow our lay leaders to allocate our limited resources to prioritize those tasks and activities that best support the Vision of our church.

Our Lords UMC

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8:30am-12:30pm

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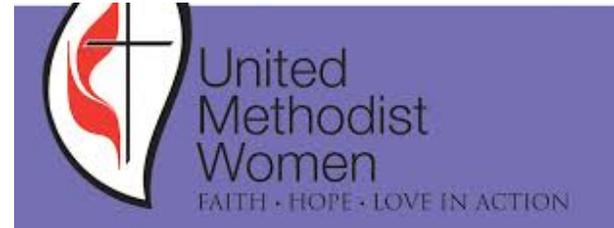
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This church has a wonderful legacy of being a church of compassion and support and prayer. These are essential during this time of transition for OLUMC. Please be in prayer for the district leaders as they search for a pastor to lead our faith community going forward. Please be in prayer for Pastor Keith and his family as they move through their own transition. And finally, be in prayer for OLUMC, your faith community, as we seek to discern what Jesus would have us do during the weeks and months ahead.

Dave Smith, on behalf of your OLUMC leadership team.

United Methodist Women

UMW ACTIVITIES



Christmas Cookies and Craft Sale

For 2018, the Christmas Cookies and Craft Sale will be known as The Holiday Bazaar. It will be held Sunday, December 9 (the day of the children's Christmas program), from 10:30 until 4:00. The big change this year is that craft vendors will be invited to set up their tables in the Garden Room and other rooms in that area (Kindergarten Room and former Youth Room) if necessary.

In Fellowship Hall will be the traditional UMW sale of Christmas cookies; Christmas Revisited tables; Recipe Jars (very popular for college students in 2017), home-made breads; and crafts, candies, and treats packaged as gifts.

Elizabeth Ware will coordinate the publicity for The Holiday Bazaar and set up for vendors, and concessions. If you can help with this segment of the sale, please contact Elizabeth; she prefers text messages or Twitter. If you or any friends are a vendor, please contact Elizabeth to get more details about this event.

To help with the UMW segment of this sale, please sign up on the sheet on the UMW board (to be posted by November 21). Setting up the crafts, Christmas Revisited tables, and prepackaged craft gifts will be from 9:00 until 12:00 on Saturday December 8th. To allow bakers time to make their cookies and bring them to church, the church will be open from 11:00 until 3:00 on Saturday.

UMW Reading Program

The women who participated in the 2018 UMW Reading Program met to select books for the unit to purchase for the 2019 Reading Program. These books are as follows:

The Devil Came Down to Chinatown (Education for Mission)

Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography (Leadership Development)

The Same Sky (Nurturing for Community)

Where Do We Go From Here - Chaos or Community? (Social Action)

The Soulmaking Room (Spiritual Growth)

These books are now in the UMW Reading Program section of the church library in Fellowship Hall

Follow - Up on Luncheon for Home-bound Church Members

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

A very BIG thank you to all those who helped with the Fall Luncheon for our home-bound members. It was very successful and a wonderful time for everyone there. We served 36 people, members and workers. The Lord is good and His love was truly present!

Trustees

Because of the rain, our blue umbrellas have been very active lately. The numbers are reducing in the umbrella stands. If you have one, please return it at your convenience so others can also have the pleasure of using them. If you have a standard umbrella that is taking up room in your closet, please consider donating it and add it to the collection in any umbrella stand located at the front of each church door.

Fall clean-up day turned out to be a rainy, cold day. We successfully distributed cobblestone around the outside area of Fellowship Hall and prepared some beds for winter.

Gardeners, please remember to clean out your garden plot. Gwenda S. already has some exciting ideas for next year's use of that area (see article below).

Church Vegetable Garden

The church vegetable garden is a valuable asset to programs at Our Lord's. Several members use the veggie squares in half of the garden to grow their own veggies and sometimes the surplus is offered for sale in the narthex to church members.

Half of the vegetable garden was used to grow raspberries. Unfortunately, in late 2017, those bushes developed a blight and died. That segment of the garden has become overgrown and is a detriment to those gardeners who grow veggies in their squares.

As of this fall (2018), it has been decided to take out any fencing in the garden, clean out the weeds in the former raspberry patch, and prepare the garden for rototilling next spring. After the rototilling, the garden will be divided into squares (sizes to be determined), spaces for walkways will be allotted, then the overall garden will be offered as a community garden to the surrounding neighbors. Of course, church members still will be able to use the squares as they have in the past.

In this process, our vegetable garden will be used to its best potential and our neighbors will be encouraged to become more involved with growing their own veggies, which improves life for everyone.



Annual All Church Charge Conference scheduled for Monday November 5th will be rescheduled for January of 2019, date to be determined. Please help "pass the word" to all church members

Caring Ministries

"I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4



The Caring Ministry Team is here to help ease your stress and fears, to bring some peace into whatever situation you are in. We have a church Chaplin Tony Clements and several other people who want to be of service to you. Please do not hesitate to call on us to pray for you, hold your hand and listen, to bring comfort food, help with rides to appointments, etc. Just call the office and we will come to help make things easier. As David says in the Psalm, when we seek God, we will be delivered from all kinds of fears. May God Bless each of you, during this holiday season!



On Wed, November 21st at 7pm, there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, here at Our Lord's Church. If there is anyone interested in coming to this service and needs a ride, please call the church office and we will make sure there is someone to pick you up.



Monday-Funday Open Fellowship Group Monday November 19th

Monday Funday an Open Fellowship-Meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Garden room, with the last 2018 date of December 17th. We have a devotional and short discussion, have some fun with mind games and puzzles, along with laughter, conversations and great fellowship. Please make time to come and visit us and enjoy the fun too,

We are open to anyone who wants to join us - young & old,
men & women.

“For the Lord looks at people in their hearts and not the outward appearances”(1 Samuel 16:7), and so do we. You can even bring a friend along. If you need a ride call Rebecca Radick at 262-679-2710.

Outreach

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

On Sunday, November 18, Outreach and UMW will collect food to assemble baskets for the food pantries at the New Berlin Food Pantry and at UM Children’s Services. So you can start shopping now, the items needed for these baskets are identified below:

- **Canned vegetables, fruit and/or sweet potatoes**
- **Canned cranberry relish/jelly**
- **Canned gravy or gravy mix**
- **Bread stuffing or stuffing mix**
- **Bread or muffin mix**
- **Dessert mixes: Brownies, cake, Jello pie mix**
- **Potatoes (fresh or canned)**



Monetary donations will be used to purchase turkey breasts and hams. Please make checks out to OLUMC, designate it for the Thanksgiving Offering, and place in the offering. Food donations will be brought forward during the church service on Sunday, November 18.

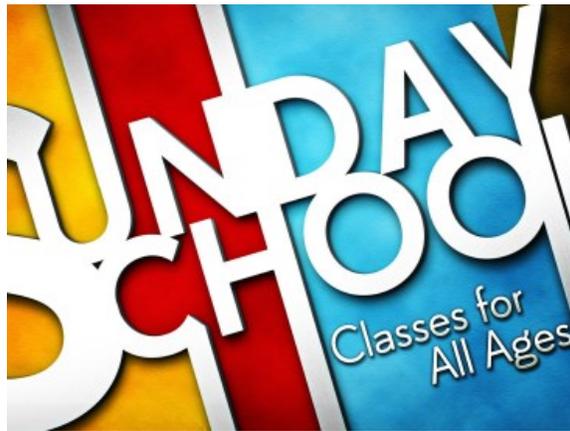
2019 “Gathering” Dates

April 6 & May 18 at the South Side Site,
724 S Layton Blvd. Milwaukee, WI.

September 21 & October 26 at the Downtown Site
1015 N 9th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233



Youth Corner



Trackers of Truth (K4-3rd grade)

Trackers of Truth (4-6th grade)

LIVE (9-12th grade)

Confirmation Class

Meets in the Fireplace Lounge on Sunday Mornings starting at 10:45am. We are currently studying Methodist History and Doctrine.

Our confirmation class is looking for some volunteer opportunities. If there is any Church member in need of help around the house, holiday decorating, running errands, etc... please email the church office at office@ourlordsumc.org or call Wendi Haubert at (414)349-0108.

Youth Christmas Program - December 9th

Open to Youth of all ages in the church. Contact Elizabeth at

Sunday Worship

Nov 4th

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

Nov 11th

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

Nov 18th

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

Nov 25th

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

Dec 2nd

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



November Birthdays

Jayden Summers	11/3
Judy Sepsey	11/5
Nancy Hennem	11/6
Angela Beltrame	11/7
Emma Merschorf	11/7
Mark Radick	11/8
Roberta Gorzek	11/9
Jack Love	11/13
Craig McGarry	11/16
Laura Beltrame	11/17
Beau Veit	11/18
Susie Brown	11/20
Brianna Kesler	11/20
Ross Blount	11/26
Glenn Spence	11/27
Andy Paquette	11/28
Len Haubert	11/29
Gregory Mewhorter	11/29

Apologies in errors made in the November birthdays list.



Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

Oct. 4, 2018

Prepared by Amy Kesler

Present

Keith Aurand, Susie Brown, Paul Davis, Perry Huyck, Amy Kesler, Jane Mackey, Rebecca and Mark Radick, Dave Smith and Joe Whyms

Opening

Keith opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes were approved with a minor spelling correction, (P. Davis/J. Whyms).

Finance – Joe Whyms

Income for September was \$32,577, over budget by \$7,801, while expenses for September were \$24,701, under budget by \$75 resulting in a positive cash flow of \$7,876 for the month. The positive cash flow was the result of the plea for assistance through a gap closure offering and the occurrence of five Sundays during the month. Year-to-date income was \$208,073, under budget by \$30,736, while expenses were \$227,240, under budget by \$11,567, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$19,167 year-to-date. This equates to an average monthly negative cash flow of \$2,130 for the nine months. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

Pledge cards will be mailed this week with a request for a two week turn around. This will allow Joe to prepare for charge conference on Nov. 5.

Trustees – Jane Mackey

Jane provided the following update:

- Fall clean-up is this Saturday, Oct. 6, 9:00 –12:00 p.m.
- The Trustees is looking ahead to planning the 2019 budget and is interested in any projects that should be considered.
- Thanks for those who helped to set up for the picnic. There are suggestions for improvements next year.

Jane also announced that she plans to resign from role as Chair of the Trustees at the end of the year.

Annual Charge Conference – Pastor Keith

The timing of this year's budget process is:

- Budgets are due Oct. 6.
- Pledge cards are expected Oct. 14.
- Tentative budget is submitted 5-10 days in advance of the charge conference.
- Charge conference is scheduled on Nov. 5 at 6:00 pm.

Outreach – Mark Radick

Nothing specific to report at this time.

Dave adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Due to Charge Conference on November 5, our next regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting will be held on Dec. 4, 2018 at 7 pm. We are holding November 6 for a potential meeting if needed and additional meetings may be scheduled.