

SALT

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THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR LORDS UM CHURCH

Brrrrr. It's cold out there!

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas outside. I am praying that this month's SALT is finding you cozy and warm and filled with holiday cheer!

We have lots of exciting things planned for this December at OLUMC and I am praying that you will be able to join us this month as we anticipate the birth of our SAVIOR!

Let us pray, Father God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us this year and as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth we ask you to hear our hearts and hear our prayers. Lord may you rest your hands on each and every one of us during this holiday season and remind us of your love and allow us to continue to have hope in a bright future! Amen!

God bless you and Merry Christmas!
Elizabeth Ware

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- December 9th – Christmas Caroling Service with the Children of OLUMC at 9:30 am
- December 16th – Guest preacher DS Rev Forrest Wells
- December 23rd – Elizabeth Ware preaching
- December 24th – Candlelight Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm – Guest Speaker Tina Itson
- December 30th – Gospel Jazz service at 9:30 am – Guest Speaker Tina Itson

United Methodist Women



Holiday Bazaar

The Annual Holiday Bazaar, coordinated by UMW, will be held **Sunday, December 9**, from 10:30 until 4:00 in various rooms of the church.

Available for sale in Fellowship Hall will be the traditional Christmas cookies, candies, sweet and savory snacks, and other home-made treats. This year, the Christmas Revisited tables will have a wide variety of different items.

A new feature for 2018 will be vendors, who will be set up in the Garden Room and other rooms in that area as necessary. Among these vendors will be Tender Hug Bears, Blue Lighting Toys, Thirty One, Color Street Nails, Lula Roe, Elevaity, Usborne, Scentsy, Origami Owl, Life Expressions, and Doterra. Their items available for purchase include homemade dog treats, hand-made jewelry, embroidery, and Christmas crafts

If you have been making any crafts at home for the sale, they should be brought to church by **Wednesday, December 5**, so they can be priced in time for the sale.

Your donations of Christmas cookies (please provide at least three dozen if possible, and be sure to identify the types) can be brought to church on **Saturday, December 8**, between 9:00 and 3:00, when tables and displays are being set up.

An event like this sale needs many helping hands. A sign-up sheet is on the notice board in the narthex. Be sure to sign up to help in any way, such as setting up on Saturday, December 8, and/or cashiering, bagging, cleaning up, or in any of the many ways helping hands are needed on the day of the sale. Despite the work involved, you can have a good time!

Many thanks for your support in any capacity. This year, contrary to past practices, UMW plans to donate a portion of its sale proceeds to the church to help with its future planning.

Silent Auction

Included as a part of the Holiday Bazaar is a Silent Auction. This year, Pat Garrigues donated three Santa Clauses, which are on display in the narthex. Two of them have minimum bids of \$25, while the other one has a minimum bid of \$20. Any incremental bids should be at least \$5.00. On the table in front of each Santa Claus are sheets, where you enter your name and telephone number and your bid. The winning bid will be announced at the end of the Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, December 9. Please be generous with your bids as the proceeds from this Silent Auction will be included in the overall total of the Holiday Bazaar and will help our church.

Future UMW Events

In January (a date has not yet been set), UMW will clean out its craft supplies closet and decide what to make in future Mission Crafters workshops. Some items under consideration for knitting and crocheting are prayer shawls, baptism blankets, and items for the 2019 Mitten Tree.



From the Council

The Church Council met on November 14 with the 2019 budget as the primary agenda item. Dick Jones, a retired pastor and consultant, joined the meeting to learn more about our church.

We continue to make up ground on our 2018 budget and expect to end the year with a small deficit. Thanks to all who have contributed to the GAP closure effort. A preliminary 2019 budget was approved. The group feels good about the year ahead and looks forward to sharing the budget with the congregation during our Annual Charge Conference in January.

A nominations committee was formed to identify, recruit and nominate church members to serve on the 2019 Administrative Council and align people to teams to move our church forward. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer and get involved. Contact Perry Huyck, Dave Smith or Amy Kesler to learn more.

You can read more about the meeting by checking out the minutes included in this issue of the SALT.

Trustees

-The 1st Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held in the church on December 9, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The public will be welcomed. United Methodist Women will be found in the Fellowship Hall selling cookies and crafts; and vendors will rent space throughout the building.

-Helen and Hans Tanner are downsizing and have moved. They donated two pictures which will be hung in the church.

-The book Radical Hospitality has spurred a new interest in establishing a hospitality team. Pastor Dick Jones offered his expertise. Details to be determined.

Church Library

The church library is in the library corner of Fellowship Hall. This fall, all the books that had been donated over the summer months, those that were removed from the UMW Reading Program shelves because they were no longer eligible and were recategorized, and the new books for the UMW Reading program were processed and put on the shelves.

Our library has a wide variety of books, such as Bible commentaries; Bible studies by Bible book and by topic; biographies; Christian Living divided into subsections of Health and Fitness, Social Issues, and Women's Interests; Personal Spirituality, which includes books of devotions, meditations, how to grow in your faith, prayer, and theology; United Methodism, which has volumes of John Wesley's sermons (a new addition) and the history of the development of our denomination; books on world geography, history, and religions; the UMW Reading Program; Fiction; and books both for both youth and for children.

Books can be checked out at any time. Instructions for the check-out procedures are given on the cabinet in the library corner. Books may be checked out for three weeks; if the time period is any longer, the books tend to go missing. Contact Gwenda Szczygielski with any questions about the church library.

Our library is an asset to our church – be sure to use it so you can continue to learn and increase your faith.

Caring Ministries

“We are all co-workers in God’s service” 1 Corinthians 3:9

The Caring Ministry Team here at Our Lord's is interested in bringing comfort and peace into your lives. God had placed a desire on our hearts to care for others. Our hand and prayers can make a difference in your lives. We want to be helpful, but we need you to call on us or the church office to come and serve you in any way needed. As the verse above says, we are co-workers of God and we are here to minister to those who are close to his heart and to our own hearts. Let us work together to bring comfort and peace of mind your way.



Monday-Funday Open Fellowship Group



At one church there was considerable talk about the challenges the older people feel to maintain their independence and what role the church plays in that. One of the people there was an 83 year old woman whose husband had died a few months earlier. As she reflected on that meeting and her own situation, she realized she was allowing herself to become isolated. The conversation inspired her to launch a monthly senior luncheon. She often shares, "I was sitting at home waiting to die, now I have a purpose"

You don't have to feel you are waiting to die! There is monthly group here at Our Lords that meets every third Monday called Monday Funday, from 10-11:30am. We would like to see more of you come and enjoy the great fellowship we have together. It is open to anyone and if you need a ride just call the office and it will be arranged. Also there is a Youth Group and Caring Ministry Team who are willing to give an extra hand to help make your life easier. Please call the office if there is a chore you need help with, many hands make life more pleasant and sharing in God's great love!

Blessing to all Rebecca Radick.

Outreach

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations of food, money, and time in putting together the Thanksgiving food baskets! OUR LORDS put together 31 Thanksgiving food baskets that was split between the New Berlin Food Pantry and United Methodist Children Services.



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

Volunteers, ages 14 and up.

Youth Corner

Mission Trips

Looking ahead to 2019 we are looking at scheduling a mission focus weekend where the youth (7th grade & up) comes together for one weekend to work at area mission focus ministries in the Milwaukee area. More details are in the works and will be given to parents once things are finalized!

Christmas Party

It's the time to celebrate! Elizabeth is currently in the works with organizing a Christmas party for the: Confirmation, Senior high and College age youth. If you have ideas on where we could go for an activity or dinner please email Elizabeth at: elizabeth@ourlordsumc.org Plans will be finalized and announced December 9th. RSVP's will be due December 23rd along with any payment that is needed

Christian Disciple Farm

Looking ahead mark your calendar for our annual mission trip to Christian Disciple Farm 2019! Dates are **August 4th to 10th**. To reserve your spot a deposit of \$25 that is nonrefundable is due Jan 31st. Fundraising will happen in Jan, March and June so please be on look out of how to help us reach our goal of fully funding our mission trip!

Trackers of Truth (K4-3rd grade)
Trackers of Truth (4-6th grade)
Confirmation (7-8th grade)
LIVE (9-12th grade)



Sunday Worship

Dec 9th

9:30am - Children's Program
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School
No confirmation

Dec 16th

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

Dec 23rd

9:30am - Youth Worship
10:30am- Fellowship

Christmas Eve Service

6:30pm - Candle Light Service

Dec 30th

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



December Birthdays

Mimi Spence	12/2
Debby Slater	12/3
Jamie Rybarczyk	12/3
Paul Davis	12/4
Wendi Haubert	12/6
Hope Sheedy	12/7
Nicholas Heinert	12/7
Norma Hunsaker	12/4
Hans Tanner	12/5
Alex Beer	12/8
Dylan Holschbach	12/9
Bart Johnson	12/11
Mark Yokosh	12/11
Josh Paquette	12/18
Gavin Rybarczyk	12/19
Pat Mehring	12/20
Grace Pugh	12/20
Larry Piasini	12/23
Loyal Sheedy	12/27
Rick Bradstreet	12/27



Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

Nov. 14, 2018

Prepared by Amy Kesler

Present

Perry Huyck, Dick Jones, Amy Kesler, Andrew Krier, Jane Mackey, Rebecca and Mark Radick, Dave Smith and Joe Whyms

Opening

Dick Jones opened the meeting with prayer and the minutes were approved (R. Radick/J. Mackey).

Trustees – Jane Mackey

Jane provided the following updates:

- The United Methodist Women group is promoting the annual Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 9, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm, in the community and inviting outside vendors to participate.
- Signage within the church is being updated to reflect any changes made during the year.
- Jane will evaluate options to improve the main sign on Sunnyslope.
- Interest has been expressed to enlarge the garden and possibly rent it out within the community. A proposal will be developed and considered at the Church Council meeting in March.
- Pictures donated by Hans and Helen Tanner will be hung within the church.
- Spurred by a book, Radical Hospitality, the Christian Living class is suggesting we begin a Shepherds team within the church to help guide visitors and new members. We are looking for 3-4 people to be part of a team. Training will be provided. Please contact Elizabeth.

Church Administration – Dave Smith

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and align people to teams to move our church forward. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer and get involved.

Finance – Joe Whyms

Income for October was \$23,522, under budget by \$2,859, while expenses for October were \$23,329, under budget by \$3,053 resulting in a negative cash flow of \$193 for the month. October income included \$1,895 of Special Funds for the GAP appeal to cover the budget shortfall. Year-to-date income was \$231,595, under budget by \$33,595, while expenses were \$250,569, under budget by \$14,620, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$18,975 year-to-date. This equates to an average monthly negative cash flow of \$1,897 for the first ten months of the year. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

A preliminary budget was reviewed for 2019. Given that we have some unknowns as we go into 2019, the budget conservatively projects a minor deficit for the year. The Council was comfortable in recommending the budget recognizing that our vacant full-time pastor position will likely offset the deficit. The preliminary budget was approved (P. Huyck/A. Krier). The group feels good about the year ahead and looks forward to sharing the budget with the congregation during our Annual Charge Conference in January.

Our Lord's UMC will host our Circuit's Thanksgiving Service this year. The Council voted that any offering received will go towards the World Service portion of apportionments to the United Methodist Conference (P. Huyck/R. Radick).

Closing

Our annual Charge Conference will be held in January to allow us time to better understand our pastoral situation.

Dave adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Our next regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting will be held on Dec. 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm and will include training by Dick Jones on leading with a single governance model.