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## ADDING FLAVOR TO LIFE

### THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR LORDS UM CHURCH

#### From the Pastor's Desk

If you watch most any news program these days, one can easily be convinced that the world is a very scary, violent, inhospitable place. If you follow the political scene, we find a state of mistrust, dislike, disagreement, and a total disregard for common civility.

If you pay attention at all to many TV commercials, they are telling us how we should look; how we should eat; what we should wear; what makes us happy; what makes us feel good; and so on.

It is a difficult task to live your life trying to live up to the expectations of others and our culture in general. When we allow ourselves to believe that reality is what all these extraneous sources are telling us it is, then we are surrendering our souls to a hostile culture whose bottom line is money and whose guiding philosophy is greed.

We are accepted and deemed “popular” by this culture only when we are contributing to its success and perpetuation. However, that limits our understanding of who we are to what others tell us we are. Their feedback dictates to many of us our self-image.

When we allow the people and events that swirl around us to define us and influence our feelings and actions, then we are missing our true identities and purpose in life.

Centuries ago, hundred of monastics went to desert regions to escape all the unhealthy influences of society. There they learned the art of contemplative prayer, which helped them search deep inside themselves to discover who they really were... beloved children of God.

I'm not suggesting we all head for some desert or deserted island to discover our true identity, but I am suggesting that a little silence and solitude can help us escape all these extraneous voices and influences and help us hear that “still small voice inside”.

You might well hear that quiet voice say to you, “You are my beloved child. I care about you, and I will always be with you”!

**That is who you really are... you are God's! Hallelujah!**

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 8:30am-12:30pm

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# United Methodist Women



## Disposition of Holiday Bazaar Proceeds

UMW is pleased to report that the proceeds from the Holiday Bazaar have been distributed as follows: \$1,000 for the unit's pledge to the UMW South East District, \$250 to United Methodist Children's Services, \$250 to Northcott Neighborhood House, and \$250 to Our Lords' UM Church.

These donations were the result of the great help and support from many people. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Saturday Afternoon at the Movies

The UMW program Saturday Afternoon at the Movies started up again in January; the movie Healed by Grace was shown then. The next movie showing will be held Saturday, February 9, at 1:00 in the former youth room (off the Garden Room). The movie will be War Room; a brief overview of this movie follows:

**WAR ROOM** - With great jobs, a beautiful daughter (Alena Pitts) and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony (T.C. Stallings) flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.

Even if you have hearing problems, you can still enjoy the movie as we always get a copy with subtitles.

This movie time is open to everyone of at Our Lord's and is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other church members and friends. Of course if you would like to come to this fellowship time but don't drive, contact Rebecca Radick (262-679-2710) or Gwenda Szczygielski (262-786-5265) and we will be sure to get you to the movies!

## Come and Celebrate with Dee

On Sunday, February 17 (Dee's actual birthday), Dee Fredrich-Sell of our congregation will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. To mark this occasion, UMW will provide special refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the church service. This invitation is open to all church members and friends, so plan to come and congratulate Dee on achieving the significant birthday milestone.

## Mission Crafters

Mission Crafters will start up another season of crafting for missions on Wednesday, February 6, at 1:00 in the Garden Room. These sessions are a great time of fellowship to get to know other women of the church; some women come just to chit-chat and others knit and crochet while chatting! Yarn, needles, crochet hooks, and patterns are available at church, if you need starting materials. Last year the Crafters worked on bag mats (made from plastic bags, cut into loops, then joined and rolled into balls of plarn). The two bag mats made were taken to Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for the homeless in Milwaukee.



## Trustees

### Growing Veggies at Church

A meeting is planned for February for those people interested in growing veggies in the church's garden plot (outside the Garden Room). Many details need to be settled before the growing season starts. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Gwenda Szczygielski and she will keep you up-to-date on when this meeting will be held and what will be discussed.

### Updates & Follow-up

Church yard cleanup – Sat. May 4, 9:00 a.m. (weekend before Mother's Day)

Regular church cleanup days has been suggested during the upcoming year. A schedule TBA.

The status of Pastor Keith's property has been determined. The items will be distributed or stored he has requested. The glass table top (60" round, 3/4" thick) will be advertised for sale for \$100 through a buy/sell website. If you have an interest in it before sale, please contact Jane Mackey ([jemackey89@gmail.com](mailto:jemackey89@gmail.com))

Church security protocols are being reviewed.

## Sunnyslope Bridge is now open



## **Attention All Women of Our Church**

Programs focused on the women of our church are held primarily in the daytime. Do you wish there was something in the evening, maybe once a month, that you could come to? How about a fellowship group just to get to know other women in the church? Or how about an evening Bible study? Or a book club? Or a crafters group? Or??? There are many possibilities, but we just need to know what you want.

On Wednesday February 13th at 7pm a meeting will be held for those women who want more from our church as well as the Sunday morning service. With this advance notice, please think about this new potential program, what you need/want, and how you will benefit.

## **Caring Ministries**

*"The Lord's eyes watch over the righteous, His ears listen to their cries for help." Psalm 34:15*

Our Good Lord, watches over all of us and can hear all our cries individually, even over the million prayers of others. His great love for us is so strong that He is able to hear us and truly care for our needs. God is so powerful and will never forsake us. He will always answer our prayers in the best way, even when we don't think so. God loves us so much, that He gave us His Son.

We here at Our Lord's church, also wants to hear your prayers and help out the best way that we can. We care about all our members and visitors and we want to follow in Jesus' teachings of "Love your neighbor as yourself." So, let us reach out to you and your needs by letting the office know and we will support you with all our love.



Let us pray: Gracious God, thank you for hearing our prayers and showing us to love others. Help us to always show kindness and give comfort to all those around us. In Your Precious Name, AMEN!

## **Monday-Funday Open Fellowship Group - February 18th - 10am**

Our daytime fellowship group will meet in Feb on the 18th, and in March 18, 2019. We meet in the Garden Room from 10:00am to 11:30am. We have a simple devotional with a short discussion, good snacks to eat, do a game/puzzle, and have a fun time together with lots of laughter and support for each other. Invite someone along to build a friendship and they don't feel alone. If you need a ride, call the office or Rebecca Radick at 262-679-2710.



*Dear Lord, teach us to follow Your example to treat others the way we want to be treated (Mathew 7:12) Amen.*

## Outreach

### The Gathering



People in community,  
feeding the hungry.

Volunteer to help serve a community meal at The Gathering, 9:45am-1pm. If you're interested, please put these dates on your calendar.

Saturday April 6th South Side Site 724 S. Layton Blvd.

Saturday May 18th South Side Site 724 S. Layton Blvd.

Saturday September 21st Downtown Site 924 W. State St.

Saturday October 26th Downtown Site 924 W. State St.

In March, look for a sign up sheet in the narthex for the Spring dates. We need at least 5 for each Saturday. For further information, please call **Debbie Huyck at 414-545-6435**.

### NEW BERLIN FEEDS

The 2nd Annual New Berlin Feeds is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2019 starting at 9:30 am. We will be challenging ourselves to pack 30,000 meals for the World Wide Hunger Relief organization in Waukesha. Last year we packaged over 20,000 meals.

We will be having a gathering worship service at 9:30 to 10 am. Followed by 3 packaging time slots.

Registration will go live starting in March so keep an eye out for more info in the weeks to come!

## Pot - Luck

Come join us for a time of celebration and good eats and we gather together for food and fellowship on **February 10** following Sunday school at 11:30 am. If you haven't been participating in a Sunday school class yet we encourage you to take advantage of this time between church and the potluck to check out one of the two adult bible studies being offered or if they are of no interests to you please join Pastor Bill in the narthex as he leads a discussion group talking about the needs of the church.



# Youth Corner

## Mission Trip

**When: Feb 23-24, 2019**

**Where: OLUMC and United Methodist Children's Service**

**Who: ALL youth currently in 7th grade up to 12th grade**

**Why: To express our faith in serving others. Complete a project at UMCS and of course have some fun!!!**

For the Mission Experience Weekend the youth are participating in we are also doing a 3T collection for UMCS from 1/20 to 2/17. The youth in the church set goals to achieve and if they achieve them they will be having a PIZZA PARTY during Sunday school in March!

They set a goal of collecting:

1000 Rolls of Toilet Paper

200 Toothbrushes/toothpaste

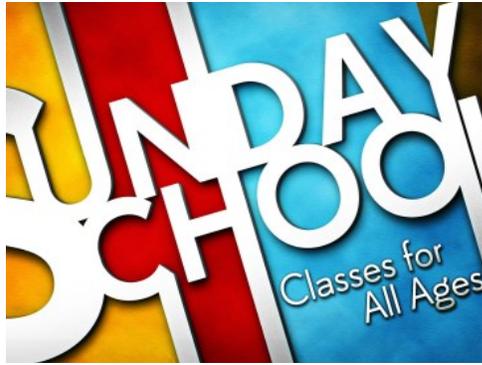
500 Cans of Tuna

This may seem like a HUGE goal but they also talked about how they can share the news of our collection with Teachers, Friends, Neighbors and Family.

How can you help, you can help by donating money (table in the Narthex) or by purchasing and bringing the goods into church during our collection Sunday's in Feb (10th and 17th).

Thank you for all your hard work helping us learn more about Missions and what it means to follow Jesus.





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

## Sunday Worship

### Feb 3rd

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

### Feb 10th

- 9:30am Traditional Worship
- 10:30am Fellowship
- 10:45am Sunday School
- Church Pot Luck & Bake Sale

### Feb 17th

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

### Feb 24th

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

We are in need of Sunday school teachers for our youngest of children. If you have a gift to teach children and are able to give up a couple of Sunday's from now till the end of May. Please see Elizabeth to sign up to teach. All material is already prepared and given to you ahead of time you are just responsible for teaching the material on your assigned Sunday!

## COLLEGE VALENTINES

Starting Feb 3rd to Feb 12th we will be collecting: candies, gum, baked goods, and gift cards in amounts of \$10 or \$5 for the 13 college students we currently have receiving higher education.

If you are interested in donating please drop off your goodies to the office no later then Feb 12th. Thank you for your donation.

## PRAYERS OF THE HEART

February is our month as a church to come together and pray for our youth in our church. Each Feb we handout cards dedicated to one youth in the church, during the month of Feb that adult(s) pray for that child and send cards to them in the mail letting them know how much they are loved. This has been a long time tradition at Our Lords UMC.

On Jan 27th we handed out during the service the Prayers of the heart cards, if you were unable to be at church that Sunday and you would like a prayer of the heart kiddo please contact Elizabeth and she will make sure you get one.

Remember to those of you that participate please make sure you are sending the child a letter/ cards during the month and praying for them. Stop by and say hi during church or offer to have fellowship with them.



## February Birthdays

Abbigale Springer	4th
Cindy Long	5th
Joshua Krier	6th
Regan Blount	9th
Nicole Falk	9th
Nancy Steinle	9th
Jessica Kesler	11th
Aaron Tyler	11th
Amy Kesler	12th
Sam Gorzek	16th
Dee Sell	17th
Nancy Dixon	18th
Celine Kashishian	18th
Karen Haubert	21st
Cassie Darnall	23rd
Julie Knuth	24th
Julie Blotz	26th
Marcia Gratz	27th



## **Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes**

Jan. 8, 2019

*Prepared by Amy Kesler*

### **Present**

Susie Brown, Bill Church, Paul Davis, Pat Garrigues, Perry Huyck, Amy Kesler, Andrew Krier, Pat Mehring, Jane Mackey, Rebecca and Mark Radick, Dave Smith, Linda & Tony Suminski, Elizabeth Ware, and Joe Whyms

### **Opening**

Andrew opened the meeting and Bill provided the opening prayer.

Dave formally introduced Bill Church as the interim pastor. Bill has a specialty in transitions and is expected to fill the role until a new pastor begins this summer. He plans to be in the church office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will also be available via appointment. Bill thanked the staff for their efforts to keep the administrative aspects of the church going during the transition.

The group acknowledged that the minutes from December were previously approved electronically.

### **Finance – Joe Whyms**

Income for December 2018 was \$33,231, over budget by \$8,492, while expenses for December were \$16,451, under budget by \$8,290, resulting in a positive cash flow of \$16,780 for the month. Special donations to the Operating fund were primarily responsible for the additional income, while reduced pastor cost is the primary driver of the lower expenses. Year-to-date income was \$285,585, under budget by \$30,605, while expenses were \$283,087, under budget by \$33,103, resulting in a positive cash flow of \$2,498 for the year. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

2019 Budget numbers were reviewed and will be adjusted slightly based on comments before being presented at the Annual Charge Conference on January 23. Apportionments will be budgeted at 57% consistent with what was paid during 2018. We will review our budget at our July Council meeting and evaluate our apportionment giving at that time.

### **Trustees – Jane Mackey**

Jane provided the following update:

- Our annual yard clean up has been scheduled for May 4 at 9:00 AM.
- Going forward, we will move to a quarterly clean up program with focus areas during each opportunity.
- Security protocols including the frequency of changing the electronic entry code and process for managing keys will be reviewed and updated as needed.

**Nominations – Perry Huyck**

Paul Davis, Perry Huyck and Amy Kesler are working to identify members for our Administrative board that provides leadership to the church within a single governance approach. The goal is to have a membership slate to present at the Annual Charge Conference on Jan. 23.

**Caring Ministry – Rebecca Radick**

The Caring Ministry team is suggesting we work to improve our information sharing processes, specifically concerning death notices and hospitalizations. This work will be prioritized during the next coming months as we look at all of our communication processes.

**Outreach – Mark Radick**

Mark shared updated on the following recent events:

- The Thanksgiving collection generated \$800 and food donations to create 35 boxes for the New Berlin Food Pantry and UMCS.
- The Christmas mission offering was donated to two local charities and one national/international charity. Gift Cards and mittens were also collected and donated locally.
- Noisy buckets will be collected for UMCS in January and Caring Ministries in February.

**Closing**

During the meeting there was also discussion on the music and style of our worship service. Exploration will continue in this area with input from all.

The next regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting will be held on Feb. 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.