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THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR LORDS UM CHURCH

THE GATHERING

A mission supported by Our Lord's UMC

The Gathering is a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind and spirit. Ten to eleven meals are provided each week, cooked on site at four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. They also offer services associated with ending hunger and homelessness, and work to educate our community on hunger issues. In 2018 The Gathering served over 75,000 meals to guests through four neighborhood based sites. Just in January and February 2019 alone, The Gathering has served 10,739 meals!

On Saturday April 6th and Saturday May 18th we will serve at the South Side Site, 724 S. Layton Blvd., from 9:45am until 1pm. Our Lord's UMC, Memorial UMC and Christ UMC each send 5 volunteers. We bring our contributions of milk or cookies/bars/sweets. We prepare some of the food and assist the cooks in getting ready to serve. We welcome guests from 11:30am-12:30pm with warm smiles as we serve the food and clean up afterwards. Come and work with fellow United Methodists as we assist in this community based meal program.

On Saturday September 21st and Saturday October 26th we will serve at The Gathering's Downtown site, 924 W. State St., St. Ben's Parish. This is a larger site, with more guests, so each church is responsible for sending 8 volunteers on these days. Our work and mission remains the same.

Please look for signup sheets in the narthex a few weeks before each serving date. If you have questions, please call Debbie Huyck at 414-545-6435 or speak with me after services.

Perry Huyck

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 Office Hours (Mon.-Thurs.)
 8:30am-12:30pm

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Upcoming UMW Events

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies

On **Saturday, April 13**, at 1:00 in the former youth room, the last movie to be shown as part of the UMW program Saturday Afternoon at the Movies will be Pay It Forward. You may have seen the movie when it first came out, but its message bears repeating. A summary of the movie follows:

PAY IT FORWARD

This movie tells the story of a social studies teacher who gives an assignment to his junior high school class to think of an idea to change the world for the better, then put it into action. When one young student creates a plan for "paying forward" favors, he not only affects the life of his struggling single mother, but he sets in motion an unprecedented wave of human kindness which, unbeknownst to him, has blossomed into a profound national phenomenon.

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!

Lunch for Homebound Church Members

On **Thursday, May 23, starting about 12:00**, a lunch at church is planned for homebound church members. This lunch gives these members an opportunity to renew their friendships within the church. Help will be needed to pick up the guests and take them home. Others will be needed to make the meal. In addition, for this lunch, entertainment will be provided.

Invitations will be sent out later in April. In the meantime, be sure to put the date on your calendar so you can come and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Mission Crafters

In March, the Mission Crafters decided to make fleece blankets for Cathedral Center. The center needed them because of the greater number of homeless people at the center as a result of the winter weather. Enough kits were donated to make 6 twin-bed size blankets and 6 throws. At the first session to make these blankets, about 10 women came along to cut strips and tie them to finish off the blankets and throws; three large and three small ones were completed. It is planned to finish the remaining kits by the end of March as Wisconsin is not noted for having heatwaves in April and the shelter will still need them.



Trustees

Growing Veggies at Church

By the time you get this version of the Salt, it will be spring - hallelujah!!! It was a rough winter, so it will be most pleasant to be able to be outside again and enjoy God's world.

Weather permitting, work will start on the church veggie squares in April. However, the following tasks need to be completed before rototilling and planting any seeds:

- All remaining fencing in the garden will be removed.
- The half-barrels in each corner, which are rotting away, also will be removed.
- The compost pile and enclosure will be eliminated; no-one volunteered to be responsible for the maintenance.
- The entire garden will be fenced in to keep the critters out.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Derek Holschbach of our congregation will help with the garden work. He and his friends will be valuable additions in making this project successful.

In April, an estimate will be made of the number of squares that will be available to church gardeners. If you would like to have one or more of these squares, please contact **Gwenda Szczygielski at 262-786-5265** and she will keep you up-to-date on when the next meeting will be held and what will be discussed.

Spring Clean up Saturday May 4th

With Mother's Day around the corners, it is time to spruce up the church. Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, is scheduled for the Spring cleanup around the church building. Bring your cutters, rakes, gloves



Outreach

Sunday May 5th, come and join Our Lords for the second annual New Berlin Feeds. The morning will start with a shooter church service at 9:30am and then the packing will start. Contact the church office at (414) 425 -7030 to reserve your spot.

Caring Ministries



We would like to thank the congregation for their donation to the Noisy Bucket in Feb. We received \$134.00 that day. We will use that money for some entertainment at the Homebound Luncheon for our shut-ins, on May 23rd. We will be looking for speakers to come and talk about issues that are important as we are aging in life.

If there is any need that arises where you may need help: in driving to a Doctors visit, need help with a project in your home, need someone to visit with your spouse as you do an errand or help with a meal, whatever the need me be, please call or email the Church office and we can help.

Many thanks to all those who helped out with Jan Church's funeral. The many hands helped make this hard day go by easier. Let's keep Pastor Bill and their son, David in our prayers.

As a church, we are also a family who has compassion for each other and want to reach out in anyway needed. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for showing us how to love and care for others.

Monday-Funday Open Fellowship Group Monday

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118:24

This verse is telling us that we need to make the most out of each day that is given to us. They are a gift from God! We cannot live in the past, for those days are gone. We cannot focus on our future because we don't know if we will be given that time. We are reminded to live for today and look for the blessings in that day. Despite the hardships we may be in, there are many gifts the Lord is bringing us. Take the time to reflect on them and make a list to review when you are feeling down. The Bible teaches us to be content where we are, to appreciate each day to its fullest and be thankful to God for all He has given us.

One of the gifts we have is the joy we have in the friendships we build with each other. Come and have some fun with the fellowship group with Monday-Funday on these up- coming days: **April 5th and May 20th**, here at church at 10:00am. If you have a question or need a ride contact Rebecca Radick at 262-679-2710.

May all your days be overflowing with many blessings!



Devotional

“I have filled you with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills.” Exodus 31:3

God has always equipped people to serve. When it was time to build the Tabernacle, God called on the people blessed with skills to create beautiful works of art. When Jesus chose the twelve disciples, He knew each man was unique-with his own virtues and flaws. The Lord has shown us that individuality matters. In the body of Christ, we are given spiritual gifts to serve, and grow the church. God has blessed each of us with talents and skills and creativity, to serve him and his people. Whether, on our own or together, our common goal is to represent Jesus and to share the good news of salvation and love. All the while we are building up the church, the body of Christ. Jesus loved each of his disciples and also all of us, for He knows each man’s talents would and can be today useful in his ministry. He accepts us just as we are, with the good and the imperfections, for each and every one of us are His children. The proof is in the overwhelming evidence in the Cross!

Thank you Lord God, for creating us, so uniquely. Help us to use our gifts and talents together, to honor you and build up your church. Amen.



Women's Fellowship Evening

The first Women's Fellowship Evening was held on Wednesday, March 27. Details of future meetings will be given in the May Salt.

If you are interested in participating in a service project, the church has two of those coming up in April. The first is the Gathering, a meal program in Milwaukee, on Saturday, April 6. Contact Debbie Huyck at 414-545-6435; she can give you more info about meeting times etc.

The second is The Cathedral Center, a shelter for homeless women and their children in Milwaukee, on **Monday evening, April 22**. Contact Linda Suminski at 414-425-6080, or Wenda Cichucki at 414-702-3612 for more details about how you can help.

By participating in these mission projects, you will enjoy a different type of fellowship with other church members while helping those in need.

Youth Corner

Confirmation

Our two confirmation students this year will be confirmed on Sunday May 19th, 2019. They will be taking part in the services in April & May to help prepare them for becoming members of Our Lords Untied Methodist Church



Tackers of Truth classes for grade schoolers and LIVE for High Schoolers start qt 10:45am every Sunday. Come and join us in the upper level classrooms!

Sunday Worship

March 31st

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

April 7th

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

April 14th

9:30am Palm SundayWorship
10:30am- Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School

April 21st

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

April 28th

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



April Birthdays

Zach McCanna	4/2
Lydia Acuff	4/4
Abby Kessler	4/4
Nan Lukonic	4/4
Maddie Mainwood	4/4
Steve Jacobs	4/8
Sidney Rodriguez	4/8
Sophia Veit	4/11
Jim Gratz	4/14
Lacey Beer	4/19
Jacob Beer	4/19
Derek Holschbach	4/23
Phillp Piasini	4/26
Laura Bradstreet	4/27
Becky Beer	4/28
Da'Mira Ware	4/28
Julie Stuckemeyer	4/30



Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

March 5, 2019

Prepared by Amy Kesler

Present

Susie Brown, Bill Church, Paul Davis, Julie Dunham, Pat and Chuck Garrigues, Karen Haubert, Perry Huyck, Amy Kesler, Andrew Krier, Jane Mackey, Rebecca Radick, Dave Smith, Gwenda Szczygielski, Elizabeth Ware and Joe Whyms

Guests: Kristin Prusak, Francie Holmberg Spitz

Opening

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with a reading from Galatians and prayer. He introduced the concept Family Systems Theory that suggests people need to feel an emotional connection to one another and sense that they are in a safe place in order to be willing to fully open up and participate.

Pastor Bill nominated Perry Huyck as chair of the committee for the next year. After Chuck seconded the nomination, it was **passed unanimously**. Perry then nominated Amy Kesler as the secretary for the year. After Paul Davis seconded the nomination, it was passed **unanimously**.

The **February** minutes, previously approved electronically, were ratified unanimously.

OLUMC Facility Rental

Karen Haubert introduced Kristin Prusak and Francie Spitz, **co-owners of New Berlin Preschool LLC**, presented a proposal to **lease** parts of our facility beginning in Sept. 2019. Rebecca, Jane, Amy and Elizabeth will work as a committee to consider the proposal and make a recommendation to the Council.

Garden Proposal

Gwenda joined the group to share her plan to evolve the garden.

Culture

Amy Kesler took the group through an activity aimed to help build a cohesive team going forward. The group determined that the most important attributes the team can demonstrate are: respect, accountability, listening, encouragement, and goal orientation.

Finance Report – Joe Whyms

Income for February 2019 was \$20,256, over budget by \$1,537, while expenses for February was \$16,830, under budget by \$1,890, resulting in a positive cash flow of \$3,426 for the month. Higher than budgeted Operating fund donations were responsible for the additional revenue. Year-to-date, total income was \$38,738, which was under budget by \$1,647. Total expenses year-to-date was

\$37,356, under budget by \$3,029, resulting in positive cash flow of \$1,382. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

Staff Relations

Dave Smith proposed a more flexible schedule for the custodian given that the current three hour/week schedule isn't always sufficient to complete the work, especially during the messy winter months. By consensus the group agreed to a 3-6 hour/week schedule. Dave also handed out an updated job description for Coordinator of Child, Youth and Young Adult Ministries held by Elizabeth Ware. All job descriptions are being updated.

Closing

Perry suggested that we consider altering our meeting schedule to make it more convenient for others to join. This will be considered going forward. Perry adjourned the meeting. Bill provided a final prayer. Dick Jones will lead the group in a special session focused on single governance on March 12, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Our next regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting will be held on April 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

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