



The Current of The River of Life

Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
There was only one set of footprints.
I realized that this was at the lowest
and saddest times of my life.
This always bothered me
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You,
You would walk and talk with me all the way.
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I just don't understand why, when I need You most,
You leave me."

He whispered "My precious child, I love you
and will never leave you, never, ever,
during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers

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We Gather Together...

Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Beloit)

10:00 am Worship (Clinton)

Monday

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Clinton)

5:30 pm WATR (Dinner & Classes)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (Beloit)



Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Barbara Kicmol
Stephanie Calkins, daughter of Jesse & Sandy

If you miss the 9:30 am
Worship Service, watch online
every Sunday @
www.rolumcwi.com
Wander on our web.....

People we have prayed for....

Phyllis Sandahl,
Carol Braukhoff's Son, Dave,
Those struggling with illness

Welcome Everyone!

Fun

LUNCH
BUNCH

Food

Friends

Fellowship

Thursday, February 27th
11:00 am

Johnny's Café
Shopko Mall

Come join our fellowship

Enjoy our Friendship!

We would like New Members to join us!!

NURSERY

NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE

We recently added Beth Cudney to our Nursery Staff, and we welcome children up to age 4 for Sunday service. We are looking for an Assistant Volunteer, and in the future, may expand the age limit.

**SPECIAL SUNDAY
OFFERING COMING SOON**

**March 22
UMCOR**

If you have discovered an error on your 2019 ROL Contribution Statement, please e-mail Chrissy: cbergh@rolumcwi.com. If you have spoken to Chrissy, or are waiting for your statement, you will receive a revised one this week.



The Wisconsin Delegation to General & Jurisdictional Conferences has scheduled informational sessions throughout the Wisconsin Annual Conference in the coming months. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide information and answer questions on what is coming before the General Conference in May and Jurisdictional Conference in July.

These sessions are open to all whom are interested. You are welcome to go to any session that is convenient and would work into your schedule best.

North Central District

February 29, 10:15 a.m.

54481

March 21, 1:15 p.m.

Steven's Point: St. Paul UMC, 600 Wilshire Blvd, Stevens Point

Tomah: First UMC, 1105 Butts Ave, Tomah 54660

North East District

March 7, 1:00 p.m.

March 7, 100 p.m.

Beaver Dam: Trinity UMC, 308 Oneida St, Beaver Dam 53916

Green Bay: Bethany UMC, 1110 Echo Ln, Green Bay 54304

North West District

March 1, 3:00 p.m.

March 29, 3:00 p.m.

Hayward UMC, 10285 Olker Rd, Hayward 54843

River Falls UMC, 127 S 2nd St, River Falls 54022

South East District

March 19, 6:00 p.m.

April 4, 1:00 p.m.

April 18, 9:30 a.m.

Waukesha: First UMC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha 53186

Milwaukee: Central UMC, 639 N 25th St, Milwaukee 53233

Milton UMC, 241 Northside Dr, Milton 53563

South West District

March 8, 2:15 p.m.

53582

March 21, 1:15 p.m.

Schmidt Woodland Hills, 1400 W Seminary St, Richland Center

Sun Prairie UMC, 702 North St, Sun Prairie 53590

There will also be an informational session at Laity Convocation on March 14 at Appleton: First UMC, 325 E Franklin St, Appleton 54911.

Hope to see you at one of these gatherings!

Your Wisconsin Delegation





Baked Potato Bar

March 22nd in Beloit after service

Free Will Offering Accepted

Mission Trip Fundraiser for Shelby, Maguire and Zekaeus

You Belong. Here.

Summer Camp 2020

A place to belong, confidence in trying new things, time apart, life-long friendships. Visit our website to learn all about your options for planning your best week of summer.

Lake Lucerne Camp & Retreat Ministries | Pine Lake Camp & Retreat Ministries

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN | WIUMCamps.org

A walker was recently donated by the Barbara Kicmol Family, and is in the Coat Room.

Thank you

SPRING AHEAD!

MARCH 8TH



Read the story of Joseph as told in the book of Genesis 37-50



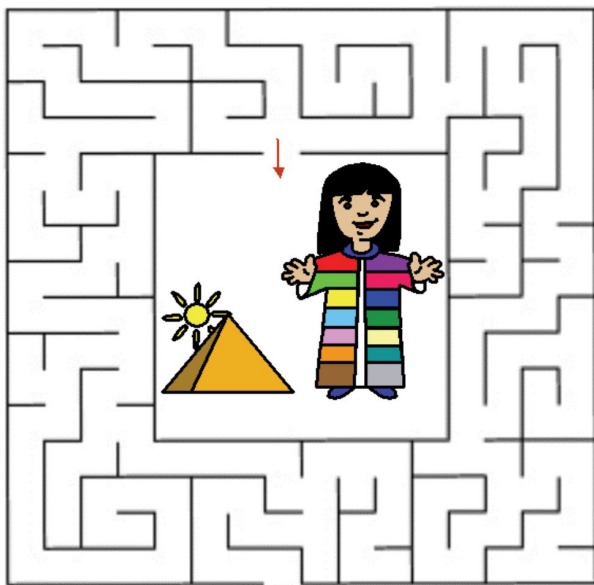
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- 1- Yellow
- 2- Red
- 3- Orange
- 4- Green
- 5- Pink
- 6- Purple
- 7- Blue
- 8- Gray
- 9- Brown

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Joseph Maze

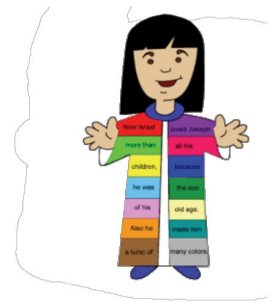
Help Jacob find his son Joseph.



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Joseph Anagram

Word List:
 brothers, coat, dreams, Egypt,
 families, forgive, Joseph, King,
 slave, talents



- aefiilms _____
- aelnstt _____
- acot _____
- behorrst _____
- aelsv _____
- ademrs _____
- efgiorv _____
- gikn _____
- egpty _____
- ehjops _____

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Midwest Mission



Distribution Center

**Adult Mission Trip to
Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Chatham, Illinois
May 27 – 29, 2020**

Join our team as we serve at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center! We will leave Beloit the morning of Wednesday, May 27, and carpool to Springfield, IL. We will work on Thursday and Friday, and return to Beloit on Friday evening, May 29. You have a choice of staying on site at the Midwest Mission dormitory or staying at a nearby motel.

If you are staying in the dorm, the cost of the trip is \$120. If you are staying at the Baymont Inn, the cost of the trip is \$75 plus the cost of your room at the motel. You will also be purchasing one lunch and 3 dinners at area restaurants. The Baymont Inn (217-529-6655) has a block of rooms under the name of "Midwest Mission May" for \$65.99 per room per night. You are welcome to arrange to share a room with another person on the trip.

Payment Schedule is:

\$20 deposit* due when you sign up

\$50 payment* due Sun., Mar. 15

the balance* due Sun. May 17

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Gemignani (608-290-5274 or dianegem23@gmail.com). If you would like to sign up for the trip, please fill out the slip below, include the non-refundable \$20 deposit, and mail it to Diane Gemignani, 1005 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit, WI 53511.

The deadline to ensure a spot on the trip is March 27, 2020.

I am interested in joining the Adult Mission Trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center on May 27 – 29, 2020. (I understand the \$20 deposit is non-refundable, but it is transferable.)

Name

email

address

Home phone

Cell phone

* Please make checks out to ROL-UMC with "Adult Mission Trip" in the memo.

Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

LOOSE



COINS

We collected \$180.04 for
Northcott Neighborhood House
in Milwaukee in January.

THANK YOU!

February Loose Coins go to Bags of Hope



Please donate
Children's
Picture Books for
Caritas Little
Free Library



Shampoo
Conditioner
Bars of Soap
100-count Baby Wipes



Please drop off your
pop tops which
benefits
Ronald McDonald's
House

ONGOING NEEDS FOR PROJECT 16:49

Shoes, Socks, Underwear,
Lightweight Sweatshirts,
Non perishable Snack Foods,
Hygiene Items

KNITTING WITH A MISSION GROUP

Our next meeting is February 26th
at 1:00 pm in the Office Workroom.

There is a need for Prayer Shawls.

If you have any knitting questions call Sandy Ovist: 608-362-6583.
We welcome all knitters, no matter what skill level, and anyone
wishing to learn. Please join us!!



March 1
Judy Byers

March 2
Jim Churchill
Stephanie Longman

March 7
Bill Watson

March 8
Rosie Anderson

March 13
Lynn Caple
Diana Merwin
Robert Novy
Hayley Rosenthal
Lois Ulvin
Kathy Weiser

March 17
June Divan
Lynn Fosler
Rev. Keith Putney

March 18
Frank Ward

March 20
Jeanette Waite

March 23
Jean Crawford

March 25
Dave Haas

March 29
Carolyn Lynch
Marlene Holcomb



Happy Anniversary!

March 24
Leon & Jeanette Waite

March 25
Jerry & Sarah Parsons



25
DAYS
until
Spring!

Note: If your name is not on our lists,
please call the office so we can
update our records.



LOCAL UMW COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you interested in applying for a River of Life UMW scholarship? Any member of our church just entering college this fall or in college but has never received a UMW scholarship is eligible to apply. Do so now!!! Send the following information to Marlene Erickson, 2425 Fieldstone Lane, Beloit, Wi. 53511:

GPA – Honors – Awards - Certifications

School Attending

Selected Major

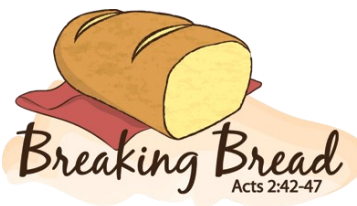
Volunteer Experience

Activities involved in – school and church

Why you should be considered for a scholarship

The UMW Board will meet and make a decision as to how many scholarships we will provide, who the recipient(s) will be and the dollar amount of the scholarship. The recipients will receive a check for their scholarship during UMW Sunday Worship Services in September. We would prefer if you could be present at the worship service to accept your scholarship. If you are unable to attend let Marlene Erickson know who your designated person will be to accept the scholarship on your behalf.

UMW Circles will meet in March at the 1st Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18 for their Sharing of the Bread.



Women's Faith Group Signs Amicus Brief for Ban on Indefinite Detention of Immigrant Children and Families



NEW YORK - United Methodist Women is a mission organization founded in 1869 to address the needs of women, children, and youth. Since that time, the organization has sustained ministries to assist immigrant women, children, and families. Much of this work is now conducted through our more than 90-plus community centers and residences around the country as well as through member engagement on behalf of migrating people and families. It is in the spirit of this historic and continued work for the welfare of women, children, and youth that we join this amicus brief in support of the district court decision rejecting **proposed federal rules permitting the indefinite detention of immigrant children with their parents.**

We believe the family to be the basic human community through which persons are nurtured and sustained in mutual love, responsibility, respect and fidelity (UMC Social Principles, Paragraph 161 B). It is deeply disturbing that the federal government would seek to break up the family unit and do so in unlicensed facilities. Children belong with their families, and no family should be caged behind bars. Not only is this proposal unjust, it is dangerous. Children and adults are dying in U.S. immigrant detention centers, and scores more have had their civil rights violated.

Putting families in immigrant detention centers would greatly and tragically contribute to mass incarceration. The only beneficiaries of such a system is the prison industrial complex, and the United States should not be subsidizing the expansion of this system.

Rather than criminalizing families and swelling the ranks of prisons, we should be doing as Jesus commanded in Matthew 25:35, "welcoming our neighbor."

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Reminder....
UMW Rummage Sale Mission Fundraiser
April 2 & 3



Tuesday, March 3th, 9:30 am
in Fellowship Hall.



Photos from Mary's Circle Christmas Luncheon at the Grand Geneva Resort



Plastic Bag/Mat Project

The first workshop for this project is Thursday, February 27, 2020, 10AM - 2PM in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

There are no special skills needed to participate in this event, however, please bring a pair of scissors to cut the bags. If you crochet please bring a "Q" hook. I have a few of these on hand for sale at \$4.00.

If you are interested in learning the very basic 2 crochet stitches in these mats, instructions will be available.

Please remember to bring your family, friends, neighbors, and groups. The more exposure the better.

The next workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 during the same time frame.

Pat Sands
608-921-6755

JUST A REMINDER.....

If you are admitted through the emergency room, please have a friend or family member notify us. The hospital does not pass that information along.

If you are admitted to the hospital and would like to be called on by the pastor or a member of the clergy team, please be sure to tell them you are from The River of Life United Methodist Church. They will not call us, nor release that information unless you request it.



WEEKLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday

10 am Adult Bible Study @ Clinton
1:00 pm Card Club (FH)

Tuesday

10:00 am Men's Coffee Hour @
Milwaukee Road McDonald's
1:00 pm 500 Card Club (Sr High Room)

Wednesday

4:00 pm Tutoring (FH)
5:30 pm WATR ((FH) Dinner & Classes)

Thursday

4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

Sunday

9:30 am Beloit Worship
10:00 am Clinton Worship

OUTSIDE GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday 7:00 pm (Mid. School Room)



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



March Issue deadline:

March 13

The next issue of the
Current will be available
March 22

Weekly Events are posted on the Web, Facebook, and in the Bulletin:

- Feb 24 6:00pm Trustees (Office Workroom)
- Feb 25 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Stephanie Calkins (FH)
5:00 pm SPPRC (O)
- Feb 26 9:30 am UMW Unit Meeting (FH)
1:00 pm Knitting With A Mission (Office Workroom)
- Feb 27 10:00 am UMW Workshop Preparing Plastic Bags (FH)
11:00 am Lunch Bunch @ Johnny's Café, Shopko Plaza
- March 3 9:30 am Dorcas Circle (FH)
6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)
- March 7 10:00 am UMW Workshop Preparing Plastic Bags (FH)
- March 10 1:00 pm Memorial Committee (O)
- March 12 1:00 pm Missions & Outreach (FH)

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Baked Potato Bar March 22, 10:30 am Beloit
- Easter Cantata March 28 @ 7 pm, March 29 @ 10 am
- UMW Rummage Sale Mission Fundraiser April 2 & 3