

The Current of The River of Life



Funeral Luncheons

Dolly Sonneson is looking for someone to handle funeral luncheons going forward. Dolly has been responsible for organizing luncheons for many, many years, and is retiring. She will provide training and all the details that are necessary. Her records are extremely well-organized, and it should be a very easy transition. Please give this your prayerful thoughts, and call her at 608-362-5817

**THANKS TO DOLLY, FOR HER
OUTSTANDING SERVICE !!**

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.



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Loving People Into Taking Their Next Step with Jesus

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We Gather Together...

Sunday

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

Wednesday

1:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Clinton)
 5:30 pm WATR (Dinner & Classes)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service

Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Pamela Anderson,
Carol Schreve,
Sister of Tony & Marlene Bachim,
Mother of Steve & Carol Garber,
Mother of Brenda & Jim Folyer
Father of Scott & Kathy Weiser

**Watch Us Online
Every Sunday!!**

www.rolumcwi.com
Wander on our web.....

Welcome Everyone!



**Friends Fellowship
Food Fun**

Join us the 4th Thursday of each
month at 11:00 am
See poster for next month's location

Enjoy our Friendship!

People we have prayed for....

Ada Watson,
Kathy Allen,
Tom Hamlett,
Marlene Bachim,
Cheryl Rochester

Out and about at the Clinton Campus



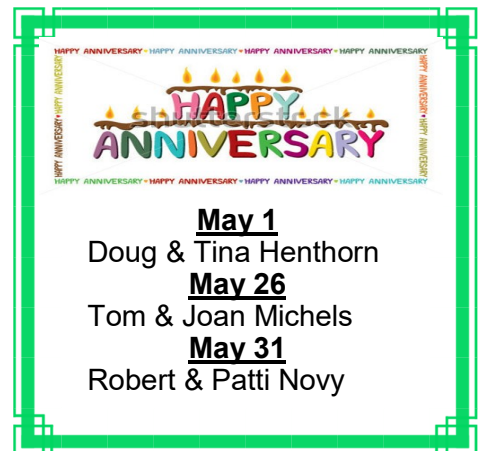
The shelving in the basement storage area has been in need of replacement. It was old press wooden shelving that has served its purpose over the last 48 years. Warped and sagging pressed wooden shelving was presenting problems with proper storage of the boxes and other things staying on the shelving units. Least to say, they weren't the proper storage units with the Fire Department Inspection Team. New shelving units are up and already serving their purpose. Thanks to Jim Folyer and Dennis Boschma for spear heading this project.

-Tom Alverson

Caritas

Dennis and Vicki Boschma have been volunteering at Caritas for the past few years. Vicki's brother is in poor health. They would like to retire from Caritas so that they can spend more time with him. Dennis and Vicki have been members on the Caritas Board, which meets every other month. They also work at the pantry on Mondays from noon to three. They are looking for someone to take their place. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Vicki at 870-404-4668.

**Thank you, Vicki and Dennis, for
all your years of service to Caritas!**





PURITY

You are my King
You washed my sins like rain
removed all my stains
Now your love is what remains.

Glory to the Father
who sent his son with love for us
He died on the cross
our sins would be lost
forgiven with his blood
and pours into our souls
bleeding, healing, death goes
a new creation here we are
He opens His arms no matter
who you are
His love is pure and smiles at every soul
His forgiveness saves us all.

His love is His grace
His love shines in His face
no room to be shunned
with his forgiveness healing has begun
Jesus, thank you for loving me, Father in Heaven
how much you wanted us all to be free
when I see my precious Jesus
I want to run into His arms and never let go
He loves me and my soul
This my heart always knows.

Jesus lives!
and so do we
death to sin and life eternally
to love one another
is our important task
because it's one thing He asks
go to Him as you are
the light is on no matter how far you are
grab His hand and He will hold tight
glory to the Father with grace and holy might
His hands wide open
so open your eyes
His love is beautiful, eyes that hypnotize
deep like water
He will wash you clean
white as snow like a lamb's purity.

-T.M.,

(Written by a newer visitor expressing what she
has experienced as part of our church family)

Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

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

LOOSE



COINS

*We collected \$314.35 in loose coins
last month for
Meals On Wheels
Thanks so much!
March coins will go to Caritas*



FOOD BANK

Canned Fruit
Meal Makers

DIAPER BANK

Baby Wipes

Please donate
Children's
Picture Books for



Caritas Little Free Library



**Adult Mission Trip to
Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Chatham, Illinois
Sept. 4 – 6, 2019
(Wed. – Fri. after Labor Day)**

Please join our team volunteering at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center! You can choose to stay on-site at the dormitory or stay 5 miles away at the Baymont Inn in Springfield, IL. We will leave Beloit the morning of Wed., Sept. 4, and carpool to Springfield, IL. We will work on Thurs. and Fri., and return to Beloit on Friday evening, Sept. 6.

If you stay in the dormitory, the cost of the trip is \$140 plus the cost of one lunch and 3 dinners at area restaurants. If you choose to stay at the motel, the cost of the trip is \$95 plus the cost your room at the Baymont Inn. The Baymont has a block of rooms under the name of "Midwest Mission Distribution Center" for approximately \$60 per room per night. You are welcome to arrange to share a room with another person on the trip.

Please do NOT let the cost of the trip keep you from signing up! There is money available in a fund specifically to help people with the cost of participating in the adult mission trip. Please let Diane Gemignani know if you are interested in the assistance.

Payment Schedule is:

\$20 deposit* due when you sign up

\$50 payment* due Sun., May 5

balance* due Sun. Aug. 11

If you have any questions, contact Diane Gemignani (608-290-5274 or dianegem23@gmail.com). If you would like to sign up for the trip, 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 sign up is July 10, 2019.**

I am interested in joining the Adult Mission Trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center on Sept. 4 – 6, 2019. (I understand the \$20 deposit is non-refundable, but it is transferable if someone else can take my place.)

Name

email

address

Home phone

Cell phone

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



LET'S GO GREEN!!

At the last RoL Administrative Council Meeting we agreed to start looking at our church going GREEN. We are suggesting to everyone as they serve our church, in whatever capacity to consider this.

In the UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF DISCIPLINE it says: All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air soil, minerals, energy resources, plants animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect. (Social Principles, paragraph 160.)

The UMW board has discussed this need and has embarked on the beginning of what we can do. Instead of using disposable products such as Styrofoam, paper plates, plastic utensils, plastic table cloths we have begun by purchasing glass tableware that we will be able to wash in our new commercial dishwasher, tablecloths that are re-useable and durable and coated, to be simply wiped off. We have plates, cups, luncheon plates and small sauce dishes. We will start using them at our Unit Meetings and hope the Hospitality Committee will begin using them at our after church fellowship gathering. It will be awhile before we can do so since we need to finish the cabinetry and clean the kitchen. The tableware is in storage and once we get the kitchen cleaned we will wash all the dishes and put them in the kitchen cabinets. We also hope that the WATR dinner will also consider using the tableware. Think of what we can save from going to landfills if we all work together on this. Thank you for helping us GO GREEN. Become a "BE JUST BE GREEN ADVOCATE".

More information and updates on the quest will follow in future newsletters.

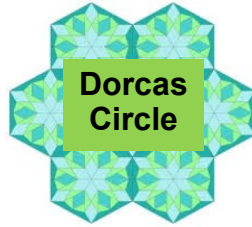
THANK YOU

I would like to extend a big Thank You to all of those who volunteered their time to help with the UMW Spring Rummage Sale. Oh, and of course, for all the donations of items we sold. The total raised was \$1,980.
-Robin Vieth-Austin





Wednesday, May 15,
1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

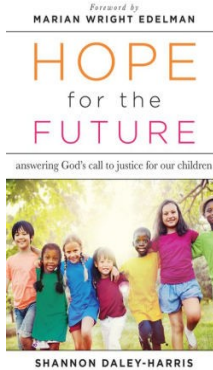


Tuesday, May 7th at 9:30 am in
Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked
to bring one snack



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at 9:30 am
in Fellowship Hall

UMW: BOOKS IN REVIEW



Books are a great way to learn more about yourself and the world. We pray that many UMW members as well as those in our congregation will read as many of the 5 books we purchased for our READING PROGRAM. The first book in review is in the Nurturing for Community category of the Reading Program. The title is Hope for the Future: answering God's call to justice for our children, written by Shannon Daley-Harris.

The father of the author of this book was a Baptist minister and her mother welcomed countless children into their home. She says that changes we need to make in America and elsewhere cannot happen without the leadership and involvement of the faith community. We have much to do to make our world safe for children, not just ours but all children.

As the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) mission states we need to ensure every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, Fair Start, Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and a successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. We need to make sure that all children get regular health care for their developing minds and bodies. We need to be sure all children get the education they need to flourish. We need to be sure they have the opportunity to know our Lord and Savior. We need to be sure they receive proper nourishment and clean water to drink. We need to be sure the poor children, children of color, and those with disabilities get particular attention.

UMW turns faith, hope and love into ACTION on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. What action do we need to take??? Let the officers of UMW board know your thoughts and what action we need to take.

MISSION IN SOUTH ESTONIA

United Methodist Women (UMW) is pleased to have Judy and Jon Sevall speak about their mission work in South Estonia through Barnabus International. A team of 12 people from People's Church in Beloit have traveled to Estonia multiple times to lead children and youth camps as well as visiting nursing homes. They also work with a local church and help with hands on activities. Not only has this couple gone with the People's Church on missions but lived in Estonia and understand a great deal about the people, culture and their Russian control for many years.

Please join us **May 22nd, 2019** at River of Life United Methodist Church. Come for snacks at 9:30 a.m. and the program in Fellowship Hall follows.



"Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him." *Matthew 4:19 - 20*

179. THE FISHERS OF MEN (LUKE 5:1-11; 6:12-16)

MEMORY VERSE:

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" **MATTHEW 4:19**

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "Now so it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the _____ of _____, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret." **LUKE 5:1**
2. "...and saw two _____ standing by the lake; but the _____ had gone from them and were washing their _____." **LUKE 5:2**

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land..." **LUKE 5:3**

TRUE OR FALSE

4. And He sat down and began fishing. **LUKE 5:3**

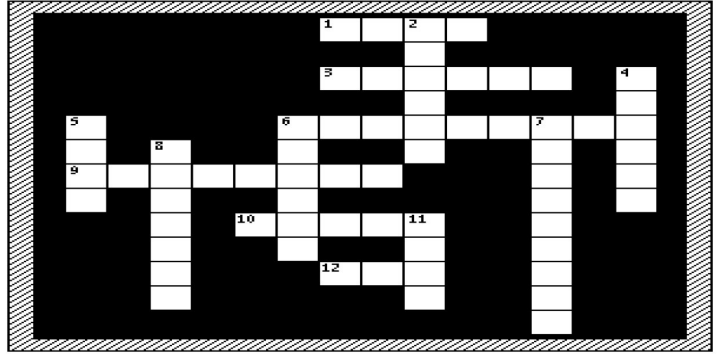
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. "Now when He had stopped _____, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'" **LUKE 5:4**
6. "But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at _____ I will let down the net.'" **LUKE 5:5**

<http://www.joyfulmeditations.org/resources/kids/bible-activity-sheets#gospels>

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- 6 DOWN "And He said to them, ' _____ Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" **MATTHEW 4:19**
- 7 DOWN "Now so it was, as the _____ pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret." **LUKE 5:1**
- 6 ACROSS "...and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the _____ had gone from them and were washing their nets." **LUKE 5:2**
- 10 ACROSS "Then He got into one of the _____, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land..." **LUKE 5:3**
- 2 DOWN "...And He sat down and _____ the multitudes from the boat." **LUKE 5:3**
- 1 ACROSS "Now when He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your _____ for a catch.'" **LUKE 5:4**
- 8 DOWN "But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught _____ nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.'" **LUKE 5:5**
- 3 ACROSS "And when they had done this, they _____ a great number of fish, and their net was still breaking." **LUKE 5:6**
- 11 DOWN "So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to _____." **LUKE 5:7**
- 4 DOWN "Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a _____ man, O Lord!' " **LUKE 5:8**
- 12 ACROSS "...And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch _____.'" **LUKE 5:10**
- 5 DOWN "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to _____, and continued all night in prayer to God." **LUKE 6:12**
- 9 ACROSS "And when it was day, He called His disciples to Him; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named _____." **LUKE 6:13**

(LUKE 5:1-11; 6:12-16)

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Settling In From the Deco & Furnishings Committee

Just like any move or household renovation, things happen in phases. We have made it to the “settling in” phase! Please keep in mind there will definitely be a period of adjustment. The Decorating & Furnishings Committee’s work is not done. We are waiting to see how things work, and what specific needs may require some adjustment and fine tuning.

Sanctuary chairs - This is the biggest adjustment for most. Please keep in mind, the driving force behind the chairs is their FLEXIBILITY! Chairs may be removed and adjusted to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, baby carriers, wider aisles, or other such needs, just let an usher know. Hymnals will be located below the seat in front of you for easiest access. The layout and spacing of the chairs can be adjusted for any occasion - weddings, funerals, special events, services, etc. There are 170 chairs total (including the choir loft).

The Altar/Choir Loft - This area was strategically built. The top two tiers of the choir loft can be carefully removed to create one, wide open “stage” area, if needed. This was built with the future in mind, as our church will grow and change in new, unknown directions.

Balcony - The balcony offers one of the most practical changes - a clear glass panel so that you can easily see from above. In the balcony you will find alternative seating - 2 loveseats, a couch, and end tables. Feel free to relax in the balcony and enjoy worship. The balcony area was also designed as a small group gathering space for anyone to use - bible studies, discussion groups, meetings, etc. Just slide one loveseat around to make a U-shaped seating area for your group!

Youth and Multi-purpose Room (across from choir room) - This new room was created to be flexible. It will be the home of some of our youth groups, and can also be used for meetings, small groups, etc. It houses a wipe-off board on wheels that can be used by anyone, anywhere throughout the building. On Monday evenings, it will be home to the new Scouts of America Troop for girls (ages 11-17) that ROL has agreed to support and charter. This space was created to house some fun!

The Storage Room - This is the room that is going to require communication, flexibility, and ownership by all! The east wall will be left open to accommodate the extra tables and chairs in the building. Storage racks have been installed; they will be labeled to designate a storage area for the various groups that require a bit of storage. This transition period is the ideal time to please have your group revisit what they typically store to determine if it is still needed, or if it is time to weed-out excess that has been collecting. It is a big space that needs to be tended to and kept organized, let’s work together to make that happen! (NO aluminum cans in this room PLEASE!)

Still to come...

The Education Rooms - These will also be freshened up and reconfigured a bit by adding an area for infants and toddlers while defining the rooms for younger and upper elementary students. The current high school room (with the couch) will transition to an education room, and the south east corner of Fellowship Hall (area behind the accordion doors) will have a comfortable seating area for our high schoolers to gather.

Landscaping - Our beautiful new building will soon be accented by complimentary new landscaping!

The Deco & Furnishings Committee would like to thank the congregation for all of their, patience, help, and willingness to work together to create a true church home for all!

Adult Mission Trip Details

So far, we have 6 people going on the trip: Bruce and Lora Cawkins, Diane Gemignani, Delores Hahn, Mary Alice Harris, and Joanne Johnson. There is still time to sign up, and you are welcome to bring a friend!

The Adult Mission trip departs from the church parking lot at 9:00 am on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Our car pool will stop for a fast-food lunch in Bloomington, IL. Our next stop is Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site where Abraham Lincoln lived from 1831 to 1837. We can walk through the village, enjoy the visitor center, and/or tour the museum. – You decide how much you would like to walk!

You have a choice of staying in the dormitory at Midwest Mission Distribution Center or at the Baymont Inn. If you choose the motel, they have a block of rooms set aside for Wednesday and Thursday nights at the rate of \$59.99. Please mention you are volunteering at MMDC when you make your reservation. Reservations need to be made by August 22. The hotel phone number is 217-529-6655.

Many of us will be staying at the dormitory. You will need to pack your own towel and bed linen. The dorm has showers, air conditioning, and beds. The sign-up form for the trip is included in this issue of the Current. We look forward to you joining us this year!



Midwest Mission Distribution Center

KNITTING WITH A MISSION GROUP

We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Office Workroom. We welcome all knitters, no matter what skill level, and anyone wishing to learn.

Hope to see you!!

Please call Sandy Ovist with questions, 608-362-6583

Turner High School Bleacher Removal

Turner High School will be getting new bleachers. Mary Alice Harris connected the school district with Midwest Mission Distribution Center, and they will be coming up to disassemble the bleachers and haul them back to Springfield, IL. There, the holes will be plugged, the boards will be planed, and they will be turned into desks for children in 3rd World countries.



MMDC will need volunteers! Some volunteers will be carrying the boards to the trailer. Others will be dismantling the bleachers. (Handy tools would be small sockets, battery operated drills that the sockets can attach to, and a hammer.) We don't know exact times, but the dates are Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, at Turner High School.

If you can help at all, please contact Diane Gemignani (608-290-5274) or dianegem23@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at River of Life UMC,

Your loving support means the world to Midwest Mission and the countless people who will be touched by our generosity. You are a shining light for Christ and a beacon to HOPE!



In His Service, Chantel Corie



THANK YOU!!

The youth were able to raise **\$873.75** with this sale. This is the biggest fundraiser we have had to date. Thank you to everyone who bought krinkles or supported our youth with a donation. You are true Angels of our family.

WEEKLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday

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

1:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Clinton) 5:30 pm WATR (Dinner & Classes)
4:00 pm Tutoring (FH)
5:30 pm WATR Dinner & Classes

Thursday

4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

OUTSIDE GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday 7:00 pm (Room 1)

May 2019

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	

Newsletter deadline

May 17th

The next issue of the Current will be available May 26th

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING COMING SOON
May 5th
Native American Ministries

- April 30 6:30 pm Finance ((O))
- May 7 9:30 am Dorcas Circle (FH)
4:00 pm Hospitality (FH)
6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship & SPPRC Roundtable (FH)
- May 15 9:30 am Martha Circle (FH)
1:00 pm Mary Circle (FH)
Tutoring & WATR ends tonight
- May 17 Current Deadline
- May 20 6:00 pm Trustees (Office Workroom)
6:30 pm Stewardship (FH)
- May 22 9:30 am UMW Unit Meeting (FH) Guest Speakers who have lived and served as missionaries in South Estonia, all are invited



SAVE THE DATE.....

- May 25th Youth Fund Raiser Brat Sale @ Ace Hardware 10 am—2 pm
- June 2nd Re-Dedication Service @ Beloit
- June 22 Youth Mission Trip
- June 30th Confirmation/Beloit



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