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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)

Saturday

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Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Bill Paez
Jodi Lund
Paul Davis-Gaustad

**Watch Us Online
Every Sunday!!**

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Wander on our web.....

Welcome Everyone!



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

People we have prayed for....

Ken Byerley,
Travis,
Steve Garber,
Gerald Sailing,
Annette Henz,
Gwen Bergh,
Irma Davis

Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre

Recent photos from Facebook

May 20: Fritz Hyde from the Midland First UMC VIM Team. They are with the Mama Roxanne Day Care Center in Mujila Falls. They had a great time playing with the children and left off a lot of school supplies for them.



May 10: It is harvest time at Mujila Falls. Temba and the crew are binging in the Maize crop and the ears look really big and uniform.

Recent posting from Paul Webster: Temba has sent me very exciting pictures of a new project at Mujila Falls. They are building a natural gas digester to convert cow and chicken manure into natural gas for use in cooking and water heating at Mujila Falls. In this picture they are using ferro-concrete construction to build the underground tank where the manure slurry will ferment to make methane gas that will be collected in another tank above ground. We are always making progress.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 1

Gary Bolar
Sandra Long

June 2

Carol Lang

June 3

Maguire Maxwell

June 5

Julie Christensen
Patricia Sands

June 6

Don Welch
Ryley Woody

June 9

Riley Smith

June 12

Roger Sands
Marvelene Winchester

June 13

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June 17

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June 19

Joyce Beals
Carson Bishop
Melanie Gray

June 28

Patricia Lawrence

June 29

Keegan Cawkins
Maci Weiser

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing snacks, or donating money for snacks, for after-worship on Sundays in Beloit! The snacks have encouraged much fellowship in our church, and we want to keep this important ministry going!

We are in need of more volunteers to bring snacks. There is a sign-up clipboard on the snack table or on the recycling center. It helps to pair up with someone when bringing snacks. Sometimes we have had a huge spread of food! Please don't feel you have to bring that much! Remember, if we run out of snacks, people can always get donuts. Our church has plates and napkins. We just need the snacks. Thank you so much for your help!

-Diane Gemignani

PLEASE

NO

Tea, Pop, Coffee, Juice, Milk, Melted Ice Cream or any other type of liquid besides WATER being dumped down the drinking fountain drain. The drain is not used enough to handle any other liquid besides WATER.

When drain is clogged, it costs approx. \$150.00 for the plumber to come out and service this unit.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Happy Anniversary

June 6

Stephen & Mary Wadle

June 8

Mark & Dawn Tudor

June 13

Don & Clara Welch

June 21

Wesley & Sonja Brill

June 22

Mark & Donna Hammett



Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

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

LOOSE



COINS

*We collected \$264.32 in loose coins
last month for
Caritas*

Thanks so much!

*May coins will go to
Conference In Gathering*



FOOD BANK

Tuna
Condiments
Juice

DIAPER BANK

Diapers Size 5 & 6

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.



BECOME A JUST BE GREEN ADVOCATE

UMW (United Methodist Women) calls for sound stewardship of the earth and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserves creation for the benefit of present and future generations. Please do your part. Be an advocate. You can make a difference in your home, church, city, nation and the world.

To reduce our carbon footprint let's carpool to events. We can also turn down air conditioning and heat.

Take into consideration the just treatment of farmworkers when buying food for meetings. Three fourths of all pesticides in the U.S. are used in the agriculture industry, and nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of all acute pesticide poisonings reported are suffered by farm workers.

Minimize paper use. Limit handouts, use double sided printouts and choose chlorine-process-free and recycled paper. Minimize use of paper products. The production and use of paper has adverse effects on the environment. Deforestation contributes to climate change. Pulp mills contribute to pollution of air, water and land. Discarded paper accounts for 35% of municipal solid waste (before recycling). Paper recycling can be a source of pollution due to the sludge produced during de-inking.

Reduce Toxins. Avoid using petroleum based products whenever possible, and avoid toxic cleaning products and lawn care products. Reduce your energy use.

Reduce waste. Compost, donate excess food, use reusable centerpieces, and reduce packaging, paper and other disposable products. Did you know that more than 9 million people in the U.S. live near a waste facility that is hazardous to the community's health. More than half are people of color.

Reduce water use. Be aware when purchasing goods and services that all extraction, manufacturing and agriculture practices take water. Consider low-flow showers and toilets. The water it takes to produce the average American diet alone is 1,000 gallons per person per day. One piece of paper takes 3 gallons of water to manufacture.

We can all begin by taking small steps to save our creation. Let's do it now!! Thank you for supporting Let's Go Green.



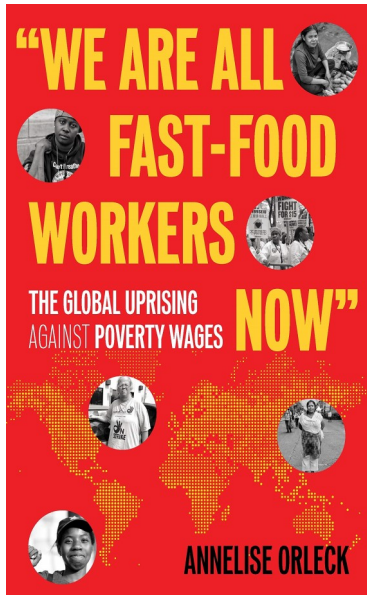
Wednesday, June 19th
1:00 pm Lunch at
Mary's Market
in Roscoe



Tuesday, June 4th
11:30 am Lunch at
Cartunes, 2640 Prairie Avenue



Wednesday, June 19th, 11:30 am
Lunch at Bessie's Diner,
Rock County Airport



UMW: BOOKS IN REVIEW

This is our second book in review. There will be five books in review that we will be writing about. This second book is in the Social Action category of our reading program. The title is We are all Fast-Food Workers Now: The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages, written by Annelise Orleck. She is professor of history at Dartmouth College and the author of five books on the history of US women, politics, immigration, and activism.

I (Marlene Erickson) became curious about the hourly rate of pay of restaurant wait-staff after reading this book, so I surveyed a couple of women. Both of them work in Beloit. One of them works at a bar and grill and the other woman works in a fine dining establishment. Both women served as wait-staff, I asked them what their hourly rate of pay was. Both replied \$2.33/hour. That to me is astonishing. They talked about how important tips were to them to bring their hourly rate up to at least minimum wage or higher. I remember many years ago I was at a H. R. seminar at a hotel in Minneapolis and next door was a group of people from restaurants. I talked with a man, I suppose was a manager from a well-known restaurant in the U.S. during our break. He talked about legislation that allowed restaurants to pay less than minimum wage, which the employees make up in tips. When he told me this so many years ago I thought, how can this be? What amazes me that this practice exists to this day. A majority of wait-staff are women, both young and older. Doesn't this make you want to do something about it? The chefs and bartenders are paid more and share in the tips and are mostly men.

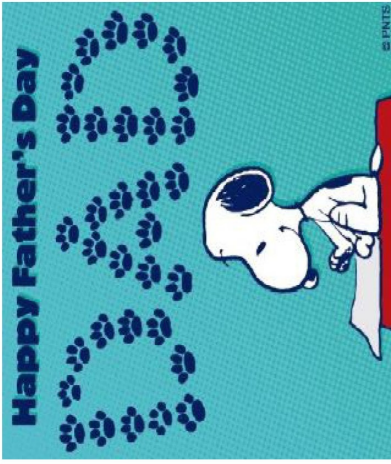
This book is not just about fast food servers. It talks about migrants working in the agriculture industry, women in the garment industry, retail workers, hotel housekeepers, home-health aides, airport workers and adjunct professors who are fighting for respect, safety, and a living wage. Annelise Orleck draws on interviews with activists in many US cities and countries around the world, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mexico, South Africa and the Philippines. It features stories of resistance and rebellion, as well as reflection on hope and changes as they rise from the bottom up. It mentions well known global employers in the US who tried to stop their resistance. They have joined unions and in many cases are making improvements for low wage earners as well as other employee concerns.

Let anyone on the UMW board know if you are interested in reading any of the books.



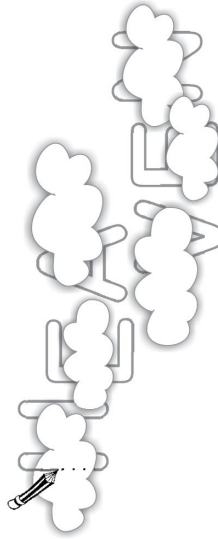
Talking to God

God loves to hear the prayers of His children. There always seems to be so much to talk to God about because nothing is too small to ask Him or tell Him. Things that are important to you are important to God. He has time to listen to you for as long as you have time to talk. But even more wonderful is the fact that God is all-powerful and can do something about those things you chat to Him about. You can talk about God or just think the thoughts you want God to know. If you would like to pray to God but don't know what to say to Him, use the prayer that Jesus prayed when His friends asked Him to teach them to pray. Look up Matthew 6:9-13 in your Bible. This prayer will help you get started - then just carry on praying in your own words. The Holy Spirit will help you to pray.

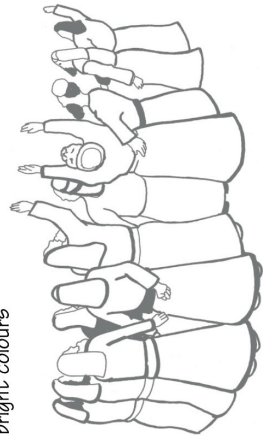


Draw the outline of the letters covered by the clouds.

Jesus went back to ...



Colour in the disciples with bright colours



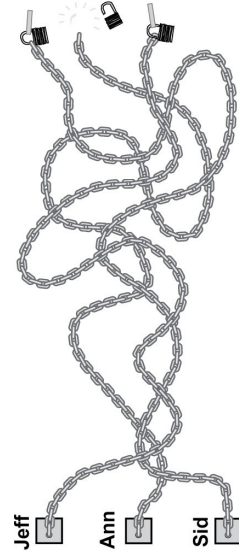
Even though the devil will still tempt you to go back to the old ways of sin, he has no power over you anymore. Jesus the King has set you free from the devil's grip and the habit of sinning.

The key verse has set someone free. Who is it? _____



John 8:36
If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Follow the chain ...

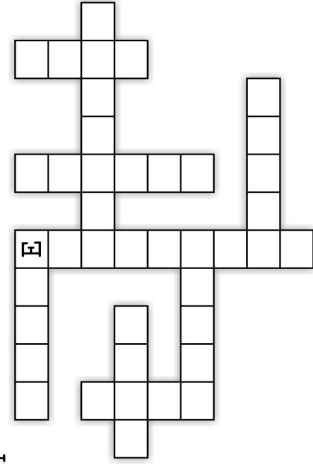


Even though we cannot see Him, God as the Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has been born again and made new on the inside.

The words below remind us of the Holy Spirit.

Can you find the right place for them in the crossword?

- ENCOURAGE
- COMFORT
- REMINDE
- POWER
- GUIDE
- WARN
- REAL
- HELP
- GIFTS



Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15, Hebrews 8:1-6

Hebrews 2:14-15, Romans 6:17-18

Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 2:3-4, Romans 8:9

Summer Vacations and short trips are coming, Don't let Your Pledge go on vacation.

Footprints and Good News

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonged to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I have decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have notice that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

By Mary Stevenson.

Our faith journey continues this summer as you can see by the footprints in this article and in the wonderful story of Footprints by Mary Stevenson. You are part of this journey as you faithfully share your gifts, leaving your footprints by way of your church's ministry here at The River of Life United Methodist Church, Beloit and Clinton, and around the world. St. Paul writes in his Roman letter, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Thank you for your offerings, gifts and tithes to your church.

Summer is the time when we often think of the church as slowing down, however, that is not true. The summers have been filled with Vacation Bible School. In the last couple of years, your church has offered a six week class to students on how to do Everyday Life Skills; serving breakfast to the recipients to the Clinton Food pantry on the second Saturday of every month; Youth activities during the summer, Adult Bible Study, Bicycle Tune-Up, are only a few of the many summer programs that go on in your church. This is the "good news" of which St. Paul writes. Because these wonderful programs continue, even if you are not here and on vacation, please remember your offering is needed, because the church is not on vacation. We are sharing the "good news" in so many ways... encouraging people on their journeys; walking with youth as they prepare for college, walking with those who are moving toward the end of life, walking with those who struggle in the midst of life issues and the footprints of your church's ministries are varied and many. Please this summer be one of those of whom St. Paul writes, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" May your foot prints be part of this faith journey. On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, thank you for your strong support of The River of Life United Methodist Church, Beloit and Clinton campuses.

-Tom Alverson



Karen Parssinen was awarded Aldrich Volunteer of the Year Award at the Beloit School District's Knight of Distinction on Thursday, May 16. Congratulations, Karen! You always go above and beyond in anything you do! Thank you for creating an opportunity for our church to support our Aldrich student neighbors by coordinating the tutoring on Wednesdays. Aldrich Intermediate School and families deeply appreciate your dedication and creativity!



*Annette Henz wants to say Thank You for all the lovely cards she received from a bad fall she had, and all the phone calls.
Blessings to all of you.*



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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 will begin at 8:30 am, Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, in the Turner High School gymnasium.

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

Received from Marlene Bachim early last month.....

Dear Church Family,

It is with a joyful but humble heart that I once again THANK YOU for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes during my recent emergency surgery. It is heartwarming and healing to feel your loving embraces.

Thank you Pastor Dave for your hospital visits and prayers. They are deeply appreciated and I know they hastened the healing process.

God is good. To God be the glory!
Thank you, dear friends and church family.
God Bless.

-Marlene Bachim

SPRINGTIME PRAYER:

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see;
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees;
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 at Clinton
6:00 pm Bible Study (FH)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

OUTSIDE GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday 7:00 pm (Mid. SchoolRoom)

June

2019

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Newsletter deadline

June 14th

The next issue of the
Current will be
available
June 23rd

**SPECIAL SUNDAY
OFFERING COMING SOON**
June 16th
Peace With Justice

- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 28 6:30 pm Ad Council (FH)
- May 29 1:00 pm Knitting With A Mission (Office Workroom)
- June 2 6:00 pm Confirmation (O)
- June 4 11:30 am Dorcas Circle Lunch @ Cartunes, 2640 Prairie Avenue
6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)
- June 14 Deadline for next newsletter
- June 16 6:00 pm Confirmation (O)
- June 18 4:00 pm Missions & Outreach (FH)
- June 19 11:30 am Martha Circle Lunch at Bessie's Diner, @ Airport
1:00 pm Mary Circle Lunch @ Mary's Market in Roscoe
- June 22 Youth Mission Trip to Hopkinsville, KY



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, AND TO THE
REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT
STANDS; ONE NATION,
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL**