



The Current of The River of Life



During this time of COVID-19 we are faced with many challenges. Because of the measures necessitated by the pandemic many are struggling just to make ends meet. The high unemployment has raised the need for help. Though we cannot open our fellowship hall and kitchen to put on meals for the community, we can do something else.

Caritas, the food pantry, is still open and doing what it does best, serve the public by distributing food and other necessities. Currently, they are in need for diapers, size 4,5 and 6. They recommend "Parent's Choice" as the best most economical choice. Because of the restrictions made necessary by COVID-19 they cannot use new volunteers at this point. However, once the restrictions are lifted, they will definitely need more volunteers working there.

Their greatest need right now though, is money. Caritas obtains food and household supplies from Second Harvest. It is the most economical way, but it still costs money. So, one way we can help them, and I might add help those in need, is that old tried and true way. During this time of crisis each week we will taking up special collections for Caritas. Send whatever you can with your weekly or monthly offerings, marking that portion "Caritas."

We can also support the Clinton Food Pantry. To send support their way, please be sure to indicate that on your envelope or check. In this way, we can still be in ministry, caring for those in need in Jesus Name.

Thanks, Pastor Dave

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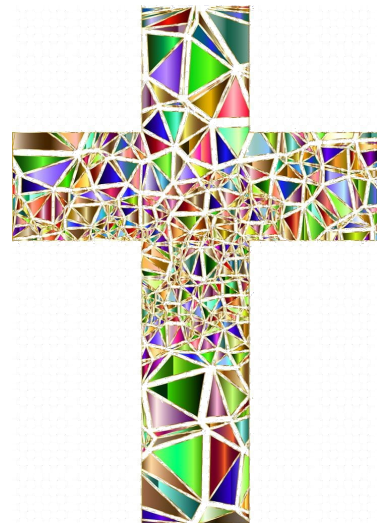
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Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

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*Always pray to have
Eyes that see the best in people,
a Heart that forgives the worst
a Mind that forgets the worst
and a Soul that Never
loses faith in God.*

I want to say a huge, warm thank you for the prayers, cards, and love I'm receiving as I progress through a second round of breast cancer. I had a surgical biopsy in April and will start chemo later in May. Because of the Corona virus, further surgery will be done after chemo instead of before, probably in the fall. But I'm here to tell you that the loving fellowship of this church, which I experience as God's grace, is alive and well during the Corona shutdown. Thank you all, and God bless you!

Ellen Butchart

thank
You



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Special Offering

June 7th

Peace With Justice

Weekly:

Caritas



..”but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired, they will walk and not be weary.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Being a part of making history. Who knew that we would be in the makings this way. A pandemic like no other. We are not able to say “let’s get back to normal.” What is the normal today? What is the new “normal” going to look like? We each need to take it day by day. Lest we forget, we are all in this together.



Each month we get a newsletter from the Wisconsin United Methodist Church Foundation. Jim Wells, Director of Stewardship & Capital Campaigns, authors the giving articles pertaining to Stewardship. I’d like to share with you what he had written for the month of June, 2020. At this time, many businesses and Church’s as well, will be required to develop a re-opening strategy to help minimize another round of this horrible virus. Jim writes;

“Today, we are in the midst of an unprecedented urgent response and recovery effort in which every church must be a center of recovery. Unlike a hurricane, earthquake, wildfire, flood or famine, the COVID-19 pandemic affects every person and every community worldwide.

As we return to church after quarantine, we should not fall into the trap of thinking, “How do we get back to the way we were?” Rather, we ought to ask, “How can we be a better church coming out of the pandemic, than we were going in?” Economic and emotional recovery is going to be a matter of years. What will your church do to help?

Each United Methodist should be discerning his or her own and their congregation’s strengths; praying and preparing to join with a small group of congregants who will identify needs in the community/ nation/world. Then each group must create, fund, and carry out a plan to address those needs.

There will be children who have fallen behind in school. They will need tutoring and encouragement. There will be those who will have no job to which to return. They will need help applying for benefits, negotiating with banks, or getting enough food for their families. There will be people who continue to fall ill with the coronavirus. Fear and anxiety will continue to be widespread. Prepare yourself for the times to come.” Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

Our Church will be involved in writing a re-opening procedure in the next few weeks. It’s going to take time to develop a procedure that will ensure the safety for all. There will be a new look to worshiping; a new look on how we do committee meetings, large group meetings; a new look how we do our All Church Education night, (WATR programming along with the Tutoring program); and a new look how we need to be ready to give a helping hand to those in need. We will be keeping everyone advised of the progress.

Blessings,
Tom Alverson

Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

Adult Mission Trip

Midwest Mission Distribution Center has cancelled our adult mission trip due to the extension of the Shelter in Place order in Illinois. This is a safe decision for us, and it's the right thing to do. Chrissy will be refunding deposits that were paid for our May trip. Stay safe and healthy everyone! We will look forward to our next adult mission trip which is scheduled for September 2021!



Can you help please.....

Asking if each and everyone of us could call a Church member that you know that may not have a computer nor a smart phone. Bonnie works hard in getting out *The Current* and we have the new Upper Rooms for May available in the tote outside the back door of the church office in Beloit and



located on the ramp to the narthex door at the Clinton Campus. I know many folks look for the new Upper Rooms when they are available and along with the new Current. Wondering if we can get the word passed onto via telephone calls to those who are not media savvy. There has been a lot of helpful news in the last newsletter. We are currently working on putting together a Master Voice Shot phone list. In the event that we need to get information out to the membership, we will be able to send it out via Voice Shot.

Thanks in advanced with all your help to achieve this special mission .

-Tom Alverson





TENTATIVE UMW PLANS

Today is May 9th and as usual I went to the Upper Room to read my daily devotional and it spoke to me about endurance and patience. The scripture was from Colossians 1:1-14. Paul wrote to the Colossians, "We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will... being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience." Patience is waning for many of us as is endurance during this pandemic. On one hand we are so ready to get back to our routines and yet we need to pray for patience so we don't go back too quickly and see another wave of this pandemic. Saying all this, we still need to plan for the day we can be back in church and go on with our missions. I am, therefore, being optimistic that we can plan for our remaining mission fund raisers for 2020.

Without fund raisers UMW will be without funds to support all the missions that are so in need. We will, God willing, plan to have our fall rummage sale on October 1st and 2nd. We were unable to have our spring rummage sale which meant \$1,500 less that we have to give in 2021.

We will also plan on our Christmas Cookie Walk for December 5th. This all, of course, depends upon whether our church doors are open and it is safe to enter and be together in large groups. We will keep you posted through *The Current* in future months. We on the board of UMW wish all of you to be safe and to stay healthy. God Bless All of You!!

-Marlene Erickson

Just a reminder.....All church activities, meetings, and events are closed at this time, due to the public health emergency.



Meets the 3rd
Wednesday, 1:00 pm



Meets the first Tuesday at
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall



Meets the 3rd Wednesday,
at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

LOCAL UMW SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a **REMINDER THAT THERE IS STILL TIME TO APPLY** for a River of Life UMW scholarship. Any member of our church just entering college, a vocational or technical school but has never received a UMW scholarship is eligible to apply. Do so now!!! Send the following information to Ann Williams, Scholarship Chair, 1521 Hackett, 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 this scholarship

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 recipient(s) will receive a check for their scholarship during UMW Sunday on September 27th, assuming our church doors are open. If we are not gathering together a check will be mailed to your home address. If we do have UMW Sunday please be present to accept your scholarship. If you are unable to attend let Ann Williams know who your designated person will be to accept the scholarship on your behalf. -Marlene Erickson

Donation to Cradles To Crayons Daycare:

Just a heads up. I went to the dollar store and did purchase supplies and snacks as she said those are what she needed the most.

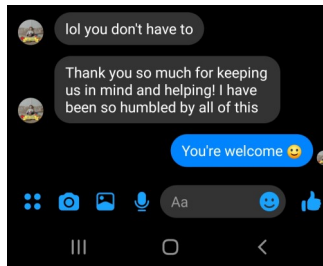
- 15 paper towel
- 6 packs of napkins
- 6 boxes of cracker varieties
- 2 box of rice krispie varieties
- 2 large boxes of fruit snack
- 2 large boxes of granola bar varieties
- 2 bottles of apple juice
- 1 package of sandwich bags
- 2 packs of mini plastic cups

She was almost in tears and appreciated it very much. We talked through the glass as she wasn't allowed to let me enter the facility, so I left the items in their entryway.



April Contribution Total

Week 1	\$	2,032.00
Week 2	\$	2,860.00
Week 3	\$	999.00
Week 4	\$	7,839.50
ACH	\$	3,580.00
April Total	\$	17,310.50



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What does it take to make a livestream production?

What does it take to create and produce a livestream production I have been asked. Well, it takes a make up of folks. Camera person, sound/IT person, writer(s), imagination and a cast of characters.

We have been Blessed with a congregation that has been supportive in the media end of our church. Through your generous giving., it has made it possible for us to be in the 21st century of technology. Now we do have somethings that we need to purchase and upgrade, but we are doing good with what we have.



Being in the midst of a pandemic, we have learned a lot. Many churches had to go to livestreaming. Luckily for us, we have been doing livestreaming for the past 6 years. One of the pluses for us, we were able to move equipment from our church to the office so we would be able to livestream without any interruption. WOW! We had to learn to think further outside our box. Learning to be creative and that's what we've done. Not only doing the church services, but how to maintain the church connection to everyone. For example, Bible Studies. How were we going to keep those active. Those are not like doing a service or special events for live stream, we took another angle with that. I'll get to more in a moment on that. Back to live stream. Pastor David plays a large part in the writing of the material for the Sunday Services and or other special services that may come up. After he gets all that done, then he sends it out to the other players so they will know what they need to prepare for. When it gets to the hands of the Sound /IT Tech, there's where the creativity comes in. This person needs to look at what backgrounds will be used; how to incorporate the songs into the production, and do a run through to be sure everything is the way it should look. Once satisfied, this person saves their work until the livestream takes place. On the day of production, the sound/tech arrives before anyone else and gets everything up and running and does an equipment check.. The camera person arrives, sets up and tests out the camera, and he and the sound/IT tech does a sound check along with doing a picture quality check; plus does a lighting check to make sure equal lighting is in the space being recorded and how lighting is on the folks doing the speaking. Production starts and at the end of the recording session, the Sound/IT Tech checks the recording, and if all is fine, folks can go home.



The Sound/Tech is the last one to leave, they have to be certain everything is edited, saved and all equipment is turned off. But, that's not the end of the story; Tom Alverson has been doing a facebook live segment of a follow-up of what is happening in the church life. When he produces this segment, he needs his cell-phone as his camera and he needs to be in a tight space and does his taping. He is sole writer, with information forwarded to him to notify our members. This can be seen on both of our facebook pages.

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I had mentioned about Bible Studies and how we are reaching out to both of the groups. We have signed up with a company called Zoom. This is a site where anyone can sign up and have live face to face meetings, family time, virtual choirs, and many other features a person can come up with. Pastor David has been using this feature now for a couple of weeks and it has been a success with both Bible Study groups. If you would like to join a Bible Study group, please call the office and let Bonnie know that you are interested and we will get you the link to get signed onto. FYI - if there is a committee that would like to utilize Zoom, call the office and leave a message for Tom Alverson.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 1

Gary Bolar
Sandra Long
Carol Martin

June 2

Carol Lang

June 3

Maguire Maxwell

June 5

Julie Christensen
Patricia Sands

June 6

Don Welch
Ryley Woody

June 9

Nora Cudney
Riley Smith

June 12

Roger Sands

June 13

Bob Scheets

June 17

Dallas Jacobson

June 19

Joyce Beals
Carson Bishop

Melanie Gray

June 28

Patricia Lawrence

June 29

Keegan Cawkins
Maci Weiser

Happy Anniversary

June 6

Stephen & Mary Wadle

June 8

Dave & Peggy Buckler
Mark & Dawn Tudor

June 13

Don & Clara Welch

June 22

Mark & Donna Hammett

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



Calendar



sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
	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				

Temporary schedule::
 Beloit Adult Bible Study
 2 pm Wednesday
 &
 Clinton Adult Bible Study
 10 am Thursday
 (Bible Studies are via Zoom)

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Just a reminder.....

ROL Church is closed until further notice due to the public health emergency.
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 June 5th
 The next issue of the
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 June 15

