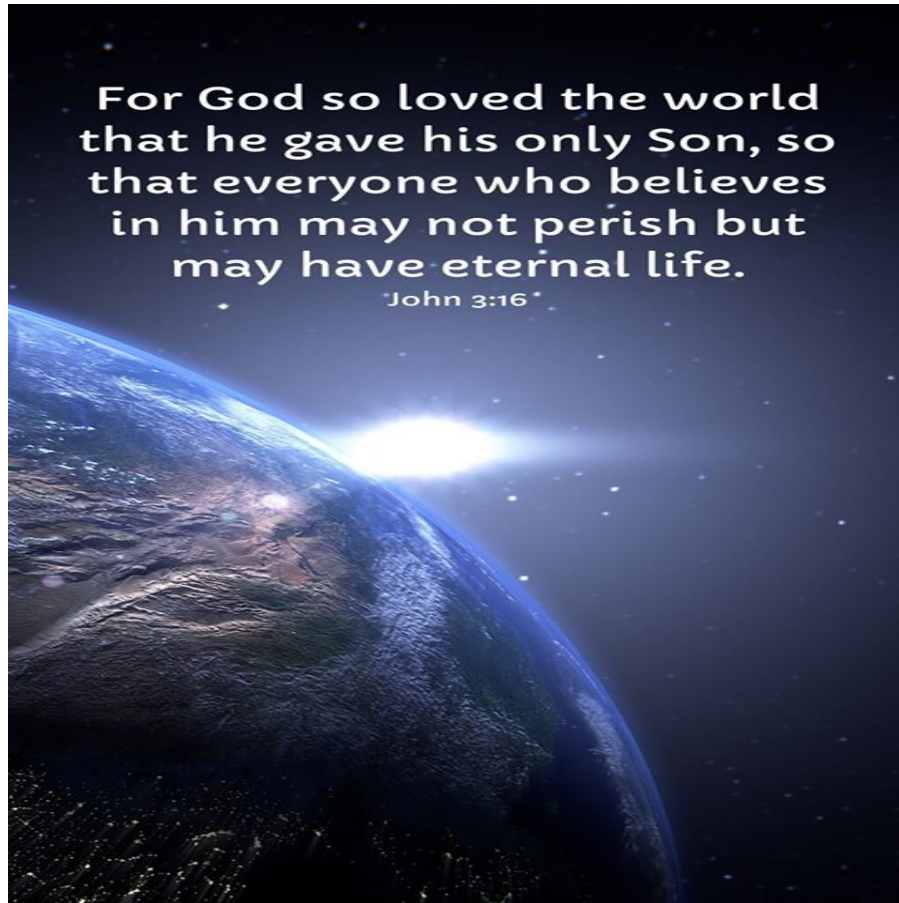


The Current of The River of Life

For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes
in him may not perish but
may have eternal life.

John 3:16



Posted on Facebook by Pastor Brenda.....

This is your weekly scripture memory verse! The picture is actually smart phone wallpaper size. Save the picture, then if you touch the 3 dots you get an option to make this your background pic. I use this as my lockscreen. Enjoy this beautiful way to get more scripture into your heart!



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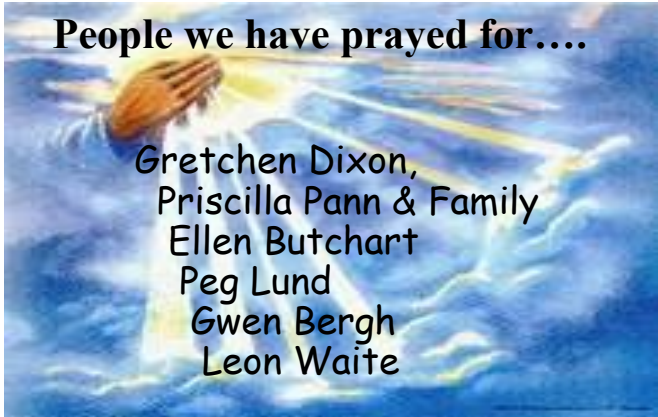
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 we can send you a printed copy of
 the Sunday Worship. Please call
 the office and request a copy.**

The Task Force on Reopening continues to meet regularly. Because cases in the nation, Wisconsin and Rock County continue to climb, the team feels that it is too early to reopen safely. We will continue to plan and prepare for when cases fall and we feel it is safer. For now, continue to watch worship online and watch for other new ways to connect with the church as we continue to be the church during this difficult time.

FINANCIAL CORNER

MONTH OF: **JUNE 2020**

<i>Week 1</i>	\$
	11,736.00
<i>Week 2</i>	\$
	8,675.00
<i>Week 3</i>	\$
	6,362.00
<i>Week 4</i>	\$
	1,945.00
<i>Week 5</i>	\$
	3,154.00
<i>ACH</i>	\$
	3,065.00

**Thank you to all who
 donated to Pastor
 Dave's retirement gift.**

Total: \$34,937.00



I heard a very fitting story on NPR a couple of weeks ago, that speaks to one of the ways I see myself as your pastor. I was only in the car for 10 minutes and didn't hear who the guest was or why he was on the show, but he spoke as an aside for a few minutes about his former career as a teacher.

He said when a teacher begins with a group of students in the fall, that teacher carefully finds the gifts in each student. The teacher then spends the year encouraging the students, giving them what they need to stretch and to grow. At the end of the year the teacher lets the students soar away. It was never about the teacher. It was all about the students and their gifts.

I thought that was a fabulous description of my role with you. I come to you as your pastor and I will spend as much time as needed to identify your gifts. I will watch for how Jesus has called you individually and collectively to share the love of Christ with each other and the community and how God has equipped you to make disciples. This will be more difficult and take more time because of not meeting due to Covid but I will learn your gifts. I will spend the years we are together encouraging you in your gifts. I will ask you to do things outside of your comfort zone. I will remind you over and over again that Jesus loves you. I will encourage you to love God, to love one another, to love the community, to make disciples and to BE the church.


When it comes time for me to leave you, we will look back and see the wonderful ways you have grown in your gifts. Many of you will grow in ways you cannot even begin to imagine.

We are just at the beginning now. We have so much wonderful-ness ahead of us! I look forward to years of growing together!

Holding you all in my thoughts and prayers until we can meet in person together,

Love, Pastor Brenda

Shania & Tyler Crandall gave birth to a baby boy on July 1, 2020. 8 lbs., 20 1/2"
Prayers of joy for our Clinton members!





UMW NEWS

The UMW board meeting for July 15th was cancelled as is the Unit Meeting for July 23rd. At this point we will plan on gathering for the board meeting on September 9th and the Unit Meeting on September 23rd unless you hear otherwise. Please stay safe during this pandemic and the board is hoping to see you sometime soon.

UMW warmly welcomes Pastor Brenda to River of Life. We are looking forward to meeting her and look forward to her involvement with UMW in the coming months.

-Marlene Erickson

Don't forget.....

Pick up your copy of the July/August Upper Room devotionals and the July issue of *The Current* .

Beloit: outside back door

Clinton: on the ramp going into the narthex

Or..... visit www.rolumcwi.com and click on "The Current"

(If you need to drop off something to the Beloit Office, use the mail slot in the front door.)



Come meet Pastor Brenda in person!

Sunday, August 2nd

11:00 am—NOON or until we've seen everyone

Church parking lot

*Stay in your car

*Wear your mask

Bring bread & juice to consecrate in person

Bring your loose coin offering

Receive a yummy treat!

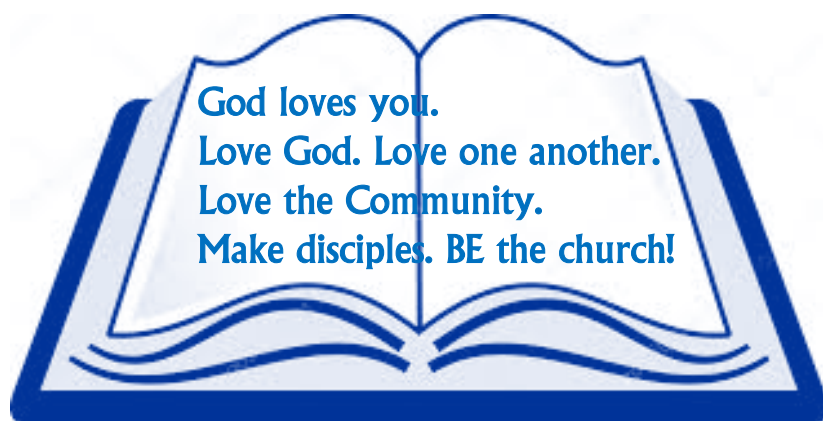


If you have a prayer request, please call the office.
With all the restrictions due to Covid-19, the hospitals are unable to release any information to us, therefore, we are not aware of the situation.
Since we cant be face-to-face, our connection via phone is so important at this time.

SUMMER
FUN!



Simple take-away from Pastor Brenda's first sermon series "Most Important:"





Pastor Dave's Retirement



Photos submitted by Ellen Butchart



Thank You

Dear Friends and Members of The River Of Life UMC,

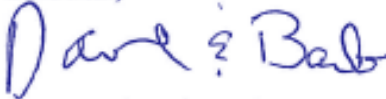
Barb and I would like to thank you for the wonderful Retirement Celebration on June 28th. It was marvelous! Shirley was the perfect person to lead it! Her stories were fun and thoughtful. We would also like to give a special thanks to all those who planned and did the celebration. From the children who passed out cookies to the speakers, the organizers and those working behind the scenes, you all did a wonderful job!

The gifts were great! The Memory Book had a nice variety of pictures and quotes that brought back some neat memories. We have already found a place for the artistic metal wall hanging of my favorite verse. The bound copies of my Daily Devotionals are really nice and likewise bring back memories of a difficult time we went through together. Of course, the generous gift of money will help ease our transition to retirement.

Finally, we both would like to thank you for ten wonderful years of ministry with you. Together, we have gone through quite a few changes and challenges. Yet we, as a congregation, came through them all and are stronger for it. We also came through it knowing that we can face anything because God is with us.

Again thank you.

In Christ,



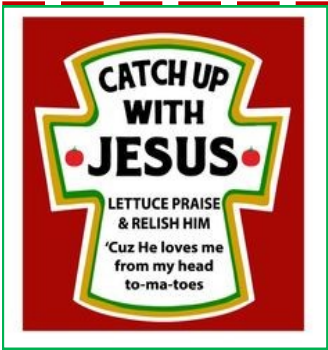
Dave and Barb Carlson



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Chad Dixon, Beloit Memorial High School

Congratulations!!



Steward your *new* community

Like a caterpillar emerging from a cocoon to new life as a butterfly, we can steward our congregations and communities to awaken from Covid-19 to a more excellent reality that brims with faith, hope and love.

Covid-19's hardship, deprivation and grief have inspired an outpouring of kindness, generosity, selflessness, neighborliness and courageous service.

Suffering has given us a glimpse of what our communities can and should be, following Christ's two principal commands: love God and love one another.

Our stewardship opportunity and challenge is clear: Can we cultivate this renewed spirit of loving neighborliness as a "new normal"? As our community's central, defining ethos?

The last several months have taught us much:

Life is precious. Everyone counts. No exceptions.

We suffer together. Shared pain creates strong bonds.

Serving brings fulfillment. Many sacrifice joyfully.

We need each other. We can't go it alone.

We miss each other. We require human interaction.

Personal contact is sublime. Nothing beats face-to-face.

We are grateful. Thank God for what we have.

We are wiser. We know what's important.

Covid-19 appears to be on a roller coaster movement. Much pain lies ahead. Before it's through, the virus will claim more of our friends and loved ones. Many families will suffer economically. But the virus is also teaching us anew how to be loving neighbors. As Covid-19 abates, we can deepen these lessons and steward our communities to live more closely aligned with God's purposes, to discover life abundant with joy, connection, fulfillment and generosity. With God's help, our congregations and communities can emerge from our Covid-19 cocoon to a more excellent reality, centered in faith, hope and love.

Blessings,
Tom Alverson
Stewardship Chairperson





August 1

Paul Dixon
Elizabeth Wadle

August 3

Bill Rodgers
Tim Rosenthal

August 4

Glenda Churchill

August 7

Marlene Brandenburg
Brice Henthorn
Gary Meier

Deanna Parish

August 8

Lynn Whalen

August 9

Lynn Kreisman

August 10

Clara Welch

August 12

Kaye Neblock

August 13

Chad Dixon

August 16

Haden Jones

August 17

Rebecca Folyer

Kourtney Smith

August 19

Tina Henthorn

August 21

Bernie Holcomb

August 24

Duncan Woody

August 25

Nathan Pozzani

August 29

Cole Henthorn



August 7

Bob & Carol Scheets

August 9

Ron & Jean Schrader

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Doug & Diane Mitchell

Mark & Kathy Smith

August 14

Dave & Marlene Brandenburg

August 17

Sam & Judy Paddock

August 20

Laverne & Sandra Hays

August 23

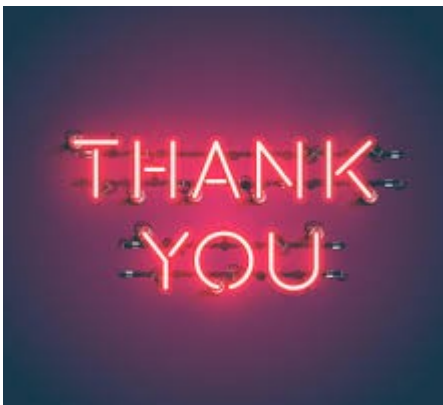
Dick & Lynda Moon

Roger & Pat Sands

August 29

Keith & Barbara Putney

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



Thank You to Steve Austin and Bob Parssinen for their help in setting up the sound system and taking down the system for Pastor David's Retirement celebration! Thanks Steve for helping with being the person to sit in your truck and be the radio guy to see how it was sounding over the air waves through the transmitter.

Blessings,
Tom Alverson

Calendar

Sunday

9:30 am Beloit Worship
Online Service

Tuesday

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (O)

Weekly Events are posted on the Web & Facebook :

- July 27 6:00 pm Trustees via ZOOM
- July 28 3:30 pm SPPRC via ZOOM
6:30 pm Ad Council via ZOOM
- July 30 Deadline for Scholarships
- Aug 2 11:00 am Drive thru: Meet Pastor Brenda

August 2020

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Issue deadline:

August 7th
The next issue of the
Current will be available
August 16th



Just a reminder.....

ROL Church is closed until further notice due to the public health emergency.

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