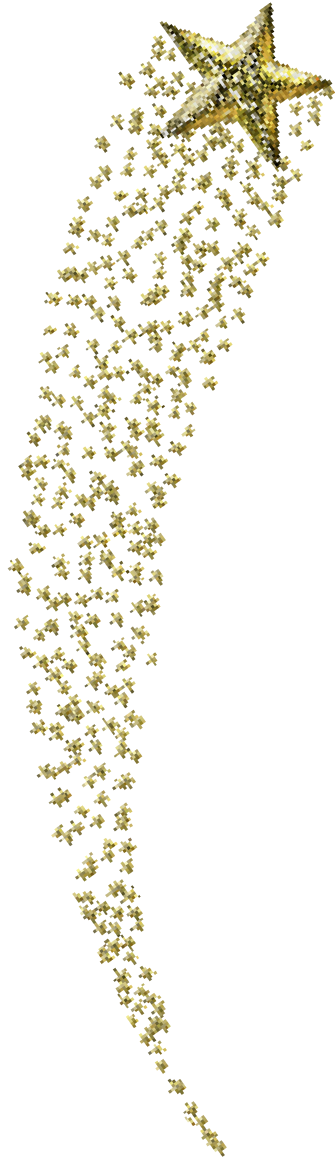


The Current of The River of Life



Lights, Camera, Action!

Save the Date.....

Mark your Calendars

Star Studded,

Oscar Award Winning

Hollywood Rally Day Celebration

to kick off our Christian Education Year

Sunday, September 8th

10:30-11:30

Immediately following

worship service

Food and

Fun activities for all ages



August 18, 2019



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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)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service



Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Ken Byerley



Welcome Everyone!

Fun
Food
Friends
Fellowship

Thursday, August 22nd
11:00 am
Johnny's Café
in Shopko Mall

Come join the fun!

Enjoy our Friendship!



People we have prayed for....

Don Welch,
Gwen Bergh,
Carol Scheets,
Bonnie Moore

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

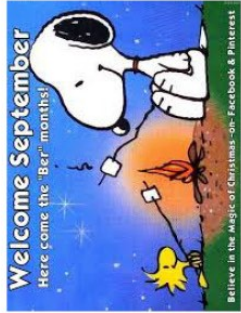


Rededication Service
Sunday, September 29th
9:30 am Worship
2345 Prairie Avenue, Beloit

Scenes From Summer Supper at Clinton

Photos provided by Diane Gemignani





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Growing in the FAITH

'the FAITH' is what we as Christians believe.

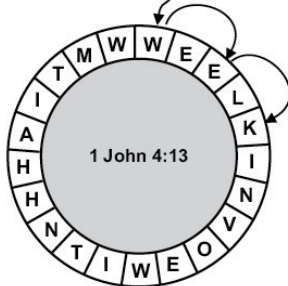
Think what it would be like if you had stopped growing when you were a tiny baby. Imagine what a garden would look like if the seeds of plants and trees stopped growing once they had sprouted.

Just as God has made our bodies grow, He also wants our spirits to grow. This does not mean that our spirits get bigger, but that we become what God wants us to be.

If you have been born again by asking Jesus to make you new, you are like a tiny seed that has sprouted in the Kingdom of God. Your roots are grounded in Jesus where they can take up His goodness which flows into you. The love and goodness of Jesus fills your life through the faith you have in Him. As you put your trust in Jesus, you will grow in Him. Then you will be able to stand against temptation and trouble like a big tree in a storm.

Colossians 1:3-6,10, Ephesians 4:13-16

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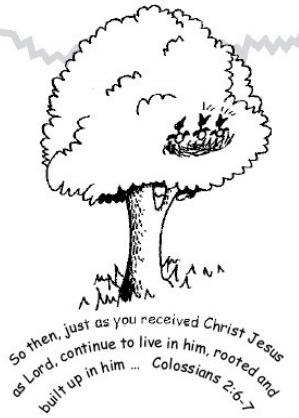


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 _____ and he in us.

Ways to grow.....

- Grow in the Word (get to know the Bible).
- Exercise your faith by trusting God in everything.
- Stay away from evil (bad things).
- Try to please the Lord in the things you do and say.
- Let your love for God and others overflow.
- Pray all the time.
- Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.

Romans 10:17, Psalm 139:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:22,23



Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

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



DIAPER BANK

Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6
Feminine Hygiene Products

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*We collected \$282.01 in loose
coins last month for*

Project 16:49

Thanks so much!

*August coins will go to
Domestic Violence Center*

Please donate
Children's
Picture Books for



Caritas Little Free Library

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

UMW UNIT MEETING & PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 9:30 A.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

Laura Doll of Beloit will present a program on her SENIOR LIFESTYLE CONCIERGE services. Laura's most recent endeavor incorporates all that she has done over her career. She grew up with a knack for customer service that she learned from working at her parents' pharmacy in Milton. She went on to work as a certified dietary manager for Riverside Terrace and North Point Terrace assisted living facilities. She has since left and went on, to develop her company.

She is working with the aging population to encourage, promote and support a positive independent lifestyle. A baby boomer herself she knows the importance of helping people find the right living situation. Laura specializes in relocation and downsizing to support a move to independent apartments and assisted living facilities. Additional services include health and wellness, menu planning, nutritional education and recipes. She assumes the responsibility for planning travel, making reservations and serves as a companion enabling her clients to travel to events and go on vacation. Laura also can price, market and hold estate sales. She's willing to do whatever it takes for her clients.

Everyone is welcome to join us to hear this compassionate and positive women speak about the services she provides. Snacks and beverages will be served.





UMW: BOOKS IN REVIEW

Following is our third book in review. There are five books in all. This review falls in the category of Spiritual Growth and is titled **“What’s Your Story – Seeing Your Life Through God’s Eyes”**. This book was written by Sarah Heath and she tells us how Joseph’s story can help us tell our story.

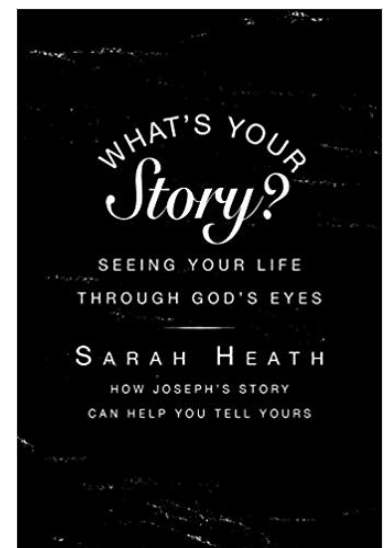
Sarah is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Costa Mesa, California. With roots in Canada and Mississippi, she is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and an ordained elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is an actor, artist author and speaker. Sarah uses her many gifts to share God’s love with others. She writes about finding our identity in Christ and using our unique gifts to serve God and others.

Just before I started reading “What’s Your Story” I read Genesis 37 – 50 about Joseph’s life and learned of the many twists in his life. The author makes a correlation between his life story and our life story. Sarah encourages us to see our life story as a part of God’s story as Joseph’s was. One thing the author points out is God never directly talks to Joseph, however he did co-write his story with God by pursuing good desires, living into the roles he had been given, growing through conflict, living faithfully in whatever circumstances he found himself, and finding redemption in the many plot twists of his life.

The author tells us to look for a theme in our life. We need to reflect on our life and see the connecting threads that leads us to where we are today. I was able to see my life theme as a result of reading this book. I have been doing a lot of reflecting in the last two months on God’s purpose for me and what my next chapter in life is to be. I think I have finally figured that out thanks to prayers, contemplation and reading this book.

This is a fabulous read – I highly recommend it. Contact a UMW board member if this is a book you would like to read.

Blessings, Marlene



UMW: WOMEN IN MISSION

Ann Hegge has done so much for UMW most of which took place at Orfordville UMW. Her involvement goes back to the 1970's when she got acquainted with a wonderful group of women who were of like minds, interested in their journey in faith, mission work and helping each other. Their fundraisers for missions included funeral lunches, bake sales among other projects.

Ann became President of Orfordville UMW in the 1980's and 1990's and was in that role for 8-10 years. During her time in office Ann organized a Spiritual Growth retreat on a Friday evening and all day on Saturday. Reverend Sue D'Alessio was the speaker and facilitator. Ann became a certified Lay Speaker in approximately 1986. As a Lay Speaker she preached at a number of churches on UMW Sunday, which included New Horizon in Footville and Orfordville, Mt. Zion in Janesville, Cambridge, Beloit First, Beloit New Hope, Milton United Methodist Church, Edgerton and Fort Atkinson. She also gave sermons a few times at Cedar Crest Nursing Home in Janesville. Ann said, "Giving sermons was not an easy thing for me to do. I struggled with it but I always felt I got a lot out of it. I enjoyed the research and the reading and trying to take a Bible verse and bring some meaning to it, analyze it and make it relevant to us in today's world." She moved up in the Wisconsin Conference of UMW hierarchy by becoming the Spiritual Growth Officer in what was then called the Capitol District from 1992 to 1998. She did a workshop on "Our Faith Journey" for a District Meeting.

Ann shared the many opportunities she had through UMW. She took a 3 day mission trip and helped in day care at Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee and painted a stairway in a woman's home.

On another mission trip she went to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. She sorted Campbell Soup labels which enabled them to work toward getting a van. Then they went onto Savannah, Georgia and visited a downtown Methodist church, which was very old and their pastor told them a lot about the history of Savannah and John Wesley's visit there. They visited Simon Island where John Wesley stayed and visited the museum. Her last stop was in Charleston, South Carolina and a step-on guide gave them the history of the city and its part in the Civil War.

Ann said, "Being involved in UMW at both the local and District level has been a wonderful experience." She met many women from different backgrounds, became friends with some wonderful ladies and has grown as a Christian and as a member of the Methodist Church.

What an accomplished woman. I think she has paid her dues to UMW, big time.



Wednesday, September 18th
at 1:00 pm



Wednesday, September 18th
at 9:30 am in
Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, September 3rd,
9:30 am in the
Middle School Room



Sept. 2

Irma Davis

Sept. 4

Wesley Brill
Kathy Warren

Sept. 5

Cindy Ferger
Scott Weiser

Sept. 7

Ann Williams

Sept. 9

Nicholas Wadle

Sept. 10

Mary Robinette

Sept. 11

Sandy Calkins

Sept. 12

Kathy Rodgers

Sept. 13

Samuel Rosenthal

Dennis Hays

Sept. 18

Brandie Bishop

Sept. 19

Jenna Buckler

Sept. 20

Leon Waite

Sept. 21

Tracy Maxwell

Sept. 22

Sonja Brill

Don Graybill

Sept. 23

Diane Gemignani

Sept. 24

Myrtle Foster

Sept. 25

Bob Fosler

Annika Parssinen

Sept. 27

Julie Hartje

Cole Weiser

Sept. 28

Diane Meier

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Steve Knutsen

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Sept. 8

Gary & Diane Meier

Sept. 14

Tim & Liz Rosenthal

Sept. 15

Matthew & Tishuana Polzin

Sept. 16

Lee & Barb Kuska

Sept. 19

Steve & Robin Austin

Sept. 20

Bob & Lynn Fosler

Sept. 24

Tony & Marlene Bachim

Sept. 26

Dave & Vicki Cornford

Bruce & Bernie Holcomb

Sept. 28

Glenda & Wayne Bottger



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.



We're Going Back To School



Thank you to all for the wonderful get well cards, calls and visits I received since having my recent hip surgery! I know the encouragement has helped and I am doing quite well post-operatively!
Thanks, Susan Kiser



Congratulations to our Graduates:

Jenna Buckler
Aubrey Maxwell
Grace Fleener
Claire Parsons
Clay Ward



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

6:00 pm Bible Study (FH)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

OUTSIDE GROUPS

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

Newsletter deadline

September 13

The next issue of the Current will be available
September 22

SPECIAL SUNDAY

OFFERING COMING SOON

August 25th

Director of Youth Ministries



SEPTEMBER

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day					
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					

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

- August 19 6:30 pm Stewardship (FH)
- August 20 4:00 pm Hospitality (FH)
6:30 pm Finance (Office Workroom)
- August 22 11:00 am Lunch Bunch @ Johnny's Café
- August 25 11:00 am Clinton Potluck
- August 27 5:00 pm SPPRC (O)
- August 28 1:00 pm Knitting With A Mission (Office)
- September 2 Labor Day - HOLIDAY - Office Closed
- September 3 9:30 am Dorcas Circle (Mid. Sch. Room)
6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)
- September 4 Adults leave on Mission Trip
9:30 am UMW Executive Board Meeting (FH)
- September 8 10:30 am Rally Day at Beloit
- September 9 6:30 pm Liturgist/Lay Speakers (FH)

SAVE THE DATE.....

- UMW Sunday: September 22
- Rededication Beloit: September 29
- UMW Rummage Sale Mission Fundraiser Oct. 3 & 4