

# *The Current of The River of Life*

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am - Beloit

10:00 am - Clinton

We'll come together to  
worship together

Stay in your car

Bring your

loose coin offering



## ***Back Yard Chats***



By newsletter printing time we will have had 7 backyard chats, and there are several more scheduled. Pastor Brenda is using these chats to begin to get to know church members. She wants to learn about our lives, our passions and hear our dreams for our church in the

future. Pastor Brenda began by asking the Ad Council members to host them, but anyone can be a host. Would you like to host a backyard chat?

1. Connect with Pastor Brenda about a date.
2. Choose a place – your backyard or the church backyard.
3. Invite 5 church friends. The plan will be to meet outside with masks on, but we can use the Fellowship Hall as a rain place.

# United Methodist Church in Beloit and Clinton

*Loving People Into Taking Their Next Step with Jesus*

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Shellie Olson

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Marlene Erickson

#### **Annual Conference Lay Members**

Bob Scheets Carol Scheets

#### **Board of Trustees Chairperson**

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#### **Decorating Committee Chairperson**

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Beverly Osborne

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#### **Memorials and Wills Chairperson**

Marietta Axmear

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Diane Gemignani & Ellen Butchart

#### **Nominations Chairperson**

Pastor Brenda Whitford

#### **Nurture and Discipleship Chairperson**

Karen Parssinen

#### **Staff Pastor Parish Relations Chairpersons**

Julie Hartje & Ann Williams

#### **Stewardship Team Chairperson**

Tom Alverson

#### **Covid Task Force Chairperson**

Pastor Brenda Whitford

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# SCAM! Alert!

Pastor Brenda would never ask you to purchase a Gift Card for someone. Please be aware scammers are using her name in their messages.

**People we have prayed for....**

Pastor Dave's Daughter  
 Leon Waite  
 Harry Burnside  
 Marcy Labeause  
 Mary Rodgers  
 Bob & Carol Scheets  
 Gwen Bergh



**Faith** and **Trust**  
 in  
**God**



**What's "Most Important:"**

God loves you.  
 Love God. Love one another. Love the Community.  
 Make disciples. BE the church!

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

**MONTH OF: JULY 2020**

<i>Week 1</i>	\$	5,198.00
<i>Week 2</i>	\$	2,545.00
<i>Week 3</i>	\$	2,040.00
<i>Week 4</i>	\$	2,051.00
<i>Week 5</i>	\$	-
<i>ACH</i>	\$	2,550.00

**Total: \$14,384.00**

*Thank you to all who  
 donated to Loose Coins.  
 We raised \$538.94*



*Loving people into their next steps with Jesus.*

Do you recognize that phrase? It belongs to you.

Jesus gave us the Great Commission. He said, “Go and make disciples!” (Or “As you are going, disciple!” if you heard the sermon on August 9<sup>th</sup>!) Our United Methodist denomination created our denominational mission statement: “Making disciples for the transformation of the world.” Most churches personalize their own mission statement. Yours is “Loving people into their next steps with Jesus.”

I don’t know how long ago you all created this mission statement. I don’t know which pastor led you through the process, but it is FABULOUS! It emphasizes that your mission is led by both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

The Great Commandment says that we are to love God and love people. The Great Commission says to disciple others. You put them together beautifully: Loving people into their next steps with Jesus.

It’s your statement, and that was the crux of my first sermon series with you. It’s what I think is most important, and you have also identified it as most important!

I am so looking forward to hearing you together and individually articulate how you have been loving people into their next steps with Jesus, and how you see yourselves doing this in the future.

We may be separated because of Covid 19, but you can still love people into their next steps with Jesus. The church buildings may be closed, but you are the church! You are the people who have covenanted with each other to BE the River of Life United Methodist Church, with one another and with the community.

I continue to be excited as I hear your passions and how you see our church living out our mission during Covid and beyond!

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

Love, Pastor Brenda

If you know of someone who has a need,  
please call the office:  
608-362-8866





# ***Back Yard Chats Will continue until everyone has met with Pastor***



## **You can watch worship online in two ways:**

- \* On our church website
- \* New: through Facebook

The benefit of a "Facebook Premiere" (similar to a Facebook Live) is that we can comment in real time. So, as we watch at the same time, we can interact with the video together. This gives at least a little more sense of the community of our church family as we see each other's comments. We are having some glitches getting it to both of our campus pages, but hope to have those glitches worked out soon!

**If you don't have internet service, we can send you a printed copy of the Sunday Worship.  
Please call the office and request a copy.**



Chalk Art by  
The Peter's family



**Welcome Pastor Brenda**







It was great to see so many people at Pastor Brenda's Meet and Greet! 71 people attended, enjoyed a time to say hello, waved to friends and ate some ice cream. Thanks to the SPPRC for organizing the event, and to workers Tom Alverson, Steve Austin, John Butchart, Paul Dubler, Julie Hartje, and Cindy, Thomas, Evan and Kaitlyn Peters. The loose coin offering raised \$538.94 for 16:49 and Domestic Violence.





UMW Executive Board met on Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> and voted to cancel UMW Sunday which was scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board also voted to cancel the September board meeting and the September Unit Meeting. It seemed incumbent upon us to give you advance notice since the numbers for Covid - 19 in Rock County and Beloit, in particular, are still not low enough and likely won't be low enough in September.

Scientists are predicting a second wave of the pandemic this fall. We are all looking forward to the day when we can all meet again in fellowship. Blessings to all of you and above all stay safe.

### UMW BAREA FUNDS

UMW is happy to announce that two new stools for our kitchen have been purchased. Gretchen Dixon, the treasurer for this fund, asked a board member if there was anything we, as a board, felt was needed in our kitchen. Thank you BAREA and Gretchen!!

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### UMW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

UMW is pleased to announce that Emily Hartje is the recipient of the 2020 Scholarship. She will be attending school at UW-Greenbay and majoring in education. Emily graduated with high honors from FJ Turner High School. She received an award for 'Most valuable Dancer' and has been on the dance team for 4 years. She was also the Team Captain of the High School Dance Team. Emily's high school and other activities included Poms and Choir for 4 years. She volunteered for after school programs (babysitting), extra instructions for underclassmen for Poms, choreographed the dance team, She helped to create an equity committee at school to target racial injustice and made care packages for a women's shelter. Her church activities included serving communion and tutored in our after school program.

Emily wrote that she should be considered for the UMW scholarship because she's very hard working and determined. Emily says she worked hard toward her achievements by involving God. She is looking forward to promoting women's issues not only within the Methodist Church but within her college, workplace and home life. She finishes by writing, "Jesus is my strength to help me persevere".

**WE WISH EMILY WELL IN COLLEGE AND HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.  
CONGRATULATIONS EMILY!!**

-Marlene Erickson





## GOT SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

Nurture and Discipleship would love your help in providing a few school supplies for the kids at Aldrich Intermediate School when they make that transition back to in-school learning. During the months of August and September, we will be collecting one-subject spiral notebooks, pencils, washable markers, colored pencils, and blue or black pens. Please bring items to the church office: Beloit—tub outside back door; Clinton—on the ramp going into the narthex. Thanks so much!



## TASK FORCE

The Task Force on Re-Opening most recently met twice in July and once in August. New Covid cases in the nation, Wisconsin and Rock County continue to remain high and we serve a vulnerable population. The City of Beloit is strongly discouraging any gatherings of more than 25 people. Therefore, the team feels that it continues to be too early to gather for in-person worship safely. We have a plan and are prepared for when cases fall and we feel it is safer to gather for worship in person.

We had our Meet and Greet in August giving us a chance to wave to each other. Pastor Brenda is having “Backyard Chats” so we can gather, distanced, with a very small group of people. The Re-Opening Task Force has approved a drive-in worship service on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Let Pastor Brenda know if you would like to help her plan a fun, outdoor worship service.

For now, we are blessed to be able to continue to worship online.

# "Summer Adventures"



"Just trying to make the world a little more colorful."



"It's always a fine day for croquet."



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**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  
**Sept. 17**  
Dennis Hays  
**Sept. 18**  
Brandie Bishop

**Sept. 19**  
Jenna Buckler  
**Sept. 20**  
Leon Waite  
**Sept. 21**  
Tracy Maxwell  
**Sept. 22**  
Don Graybill  
**Sept. 23**  
Diane Gemignani  
**Sept. 25**  
Bob Fosler  
Annika Parssinen  
**Sept. 27**  
Julie Hartje  
Cole Weiser  
**Sept. 28**  
Diane Meier  
**Sept. 29**  
Steve Knutsen  
**Sept. 30**  
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# Happy Anniversary

**Sept 1**  
Brandie & Ehin Bishop  
**Sept. 8**  
Gary & Diane Meier  
**Sept. 14**  
Tim & Liz Rosenthal  
**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

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

## Event Cancelled due to Covid-19

It's with deep regret that we have to CANCEL this years Fall Festival due to Covid-19. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall festival 2021. Hopefully Covid-19 is well under control. Thanks to everyone for your support in the past.



# Calendar

## Sunday

9:30 am Beloit Worship  
Online Service

## Tuesday

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (O)

### Issue deadline:

September 4th

The next issue of the  
Current will be available  
September 13th

### Weekly Events are posted on the Web & Facebook :

- Aug 17 6:30 pm Stewardship (via ZOOM)
- Aug 18 4:00 pm Hospitality, @ Diane G. home
- Aug 24 6:00 pm Trustees (via ZOOM)
- Aug 25 3:30 pm SPPRC (FH) Social Distance/Wear Mask
- Aug 27 1:30 pm Active Shooter, @ Marlene E. home

### SAVE THE DATE:

- Sept 13 9:30 am Drive-In Worship @ Beloit
- 10:00 am Drive-in Worship @ Clinton
- Nov. 10 Charge Conference @ 6 pm at church via Zoom

## SEPTEMBER 2020

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			

*Christ*  
is the center  
of our *Home*  
a guest at every *Meal*  
a silent *Listener*  
to every conversation



*Thanks to Connie  
Carlson for more  
Prayer Shawls.  
They will provide  
cozy comfort.*



**Just a reminder .....**  
River of Life Beloit and Clinton Campus buildings and Office Buildings are closed  
due to the public health emergency.