

The Current of The River of Life



DINNER, GAMES, AND PRIZES!
FREE!

River of Life Church-Beloit

Wednesday, October 30

5:30-7:00 PM



Come join us on Halloween night as we give out goodies during Trick and Treating with the Clinton Community @ The River of Life UMC, 402 Church Street Clinton WI from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hope to see you there 😊



ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
Thursday, November 7th
6:30 pm
@ Cargill UMC in
Janesville.
More details on page 3

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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)

Monday

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Clinton)

5:30 pm WATR (Dinner & Classes)

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (Beloit)





Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Marvelene Winchester
Daniel Haas (Brother of David Haas)

THANK YOU

Along with all the other thank-you's eloquently expressed by Building Committee chair Brian Maxwell at our church re-dedication celebration, I would like to add two more. On behalf of the choir, I'd like to thank Lois Ulvin for the countless hours she put in on the choir room....from soliciting choir input and researching our needs for seating, flooring, and storage, to meeting with the building committee, purchasing wall decor, and even mopping the floor so that we could use the room during the summer right after the workers finished.

The second thank-you is to Brian himself for coordinating and overseeing all the activities he described on Dedication Sunday. The planning meetings, the negotiating, the arranging and coordinating were all on him. I know as a church we are all extremely grateful for his expertise and leadership, and for the informative, encouraging updates he gave us throughout the whole project. Thank you, Brian!

-Ellen Butchart

We are looking for people for the Stewardship Committee. If you are interested, contact Pastor Dave or Tom Alverson.

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

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

All of the churches in our circuit will have a combined Charge Conference again this year. It will take place at Cargill Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Avenue, Janesville, WI, on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM.

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Circuit Charge Conference. **Questions will not be entertained at this meeting**, this is strictly for voting on matters that have already been approved at the local level on October 29th.

Prior to the Charge Conference, Ad Council will meet on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm in FH. There will be an open session for comments regarding the upcoming Charge Conference.

A copy of our Charge Conference book with the addition of the meeting notes from the Ad Council meeting on will be available on the counter in Fellowship Hall on November 2nd and 3rd.



- November 3**
Bruce Holcomb
- November 8**
Darlene Breden
- November 9**
Nan Bolar
- November 11**
Karen Knutsen
- November 12**
Jesse Calkins
- November 15**
Lora Dodson
- November 16**
Ruth Potts
- November 18**
Brian Lutzow
- November 19**
Vicki Cornford
Doug Henthorn

- November 20**
Judy Harris
- November 21**
Sam Paddock
- November 22**
Glenda Bottger
- November 23**
Mary Alice Harris
- November 24**
Mariette Axmear
Tom Michels
- November 25**
Sue Moen
- November 27**
Erik Ovist
- November 28**
Courtney Woody
- November 30**
Ron Schrader

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

Volunteer for
Meals On Wheels

Donate your lunch break and *make a difference* in the lives of our Beloit seniors.

Signing up is **EASY!**
The help you provide is **PRICELESS!**

Call 608-362-3683 or sign up online at www.beloitmealsonwheels.org

Beloit **MEALS ON WHEELS**
Delivering more than meals

Meals On Wheels is looking for a new Caller Coordinator from River of Life, and any new members interested in volunteering.

Happy **ANNIVERSARY**

- November 10**
Dan & Kathy Cornford
- November 30**
Harry & Eleanor Burnside





On Sunday, October 6th, SPPRC hosted a gathering following the 9:30 am Worship Service in Beloit. Judy Paddock was honored for the many years of service as Organist. Our congregation has been blessed to have such a talented organist. We have a sincere appreciation for her many years of service. Thank you, Judy, for sharing your love of music with us!



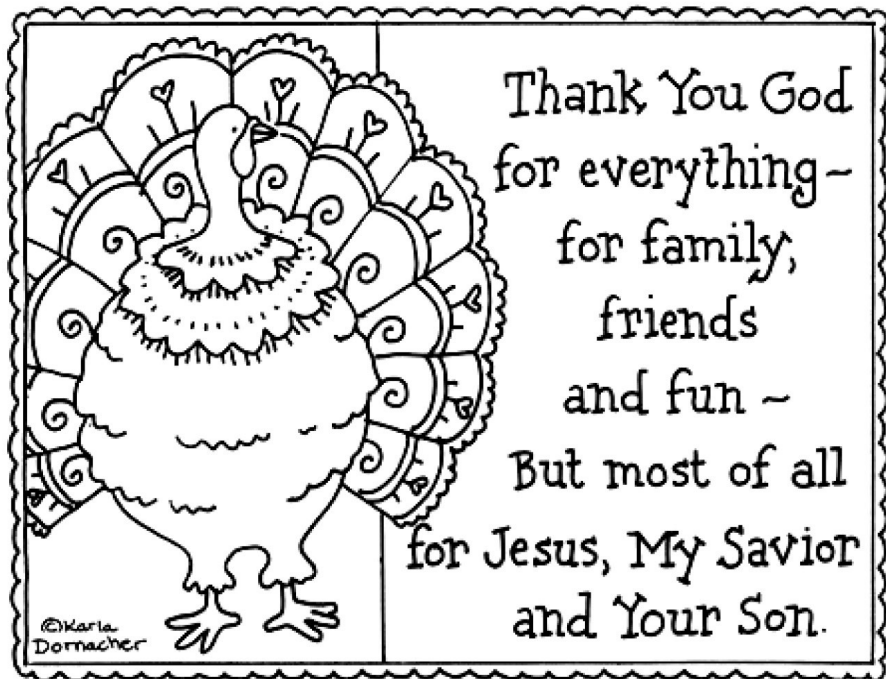
Next Sunday, All Saints Sunday, we will be dedicating memorial gifts from Jean Bastian and Fred Klett. Jean's gift equipped the Choir Room and Fred's gift is supporting the Christmas Cantata.

NURSERY

NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE

We recently added Beth Cudney to our Nursery Staff, and we welcome children up to age 4 for Sunday service and WATR on Wednesday night. We are looking for an Assistant Volunteer, and in the future, may expand the age limit.

Thank you Lord
for another beautiful day.
For opening up
my eyes and ears,
to see and hear
the goodness
you have left here for us.
Teach me more. Psalm 143



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Thank You God
for everything -
for family,
friends
and fun -
But most of all
for Jesus, My Savior
and Your Son.



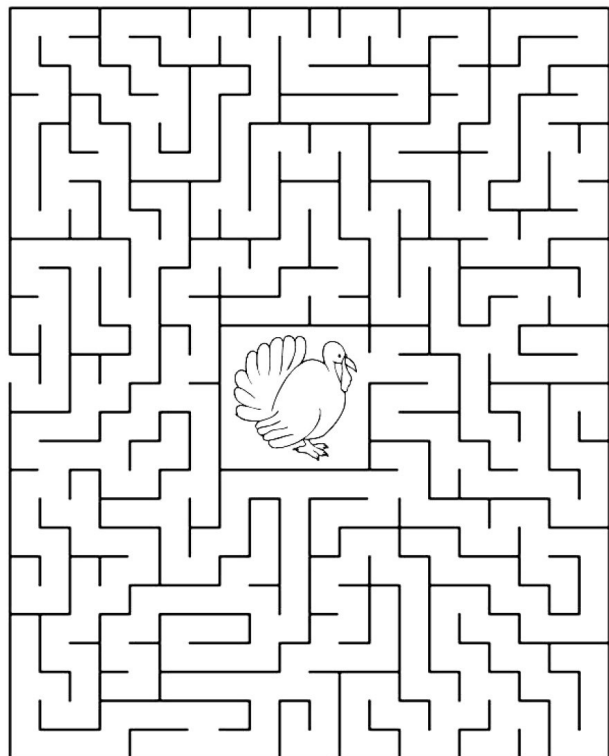
Happy
Thanksgiving



**Happy Thanksgiving
from the Nurture & Discipleship Team**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever, Psalm 107:1**

Help this turkey find his way out of the maze!



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Here's a snack for us to remember to be thankful for what we have.



blessing mix

Bugles represent the cornucopia, a horn of plenty.

Pretzels represent arms folded in thanks and prayer.

Candy corn reminds us that during the first winter, the Pilgrims were allowed only a few kernels of corn per day because food was so scarce.

Seeds are promise of a future harvest if they are planted and well tended.

Fruit is a reminder of the harvest gifts from the land.

M&M's are for memories of those who came before us.

Hershey's Kisses are a reminder of the love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



Message from Forrest R. Wells,
South East District Superintendent
October 20, 2019

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

I am so excited for the many ways our clergy, lay leadership and congregations are engaged in ministry, outreach and social action throughout our district and the world. At the same time I am cognizant of the unrest and angst that remains within our connection as we await another General Conference. I am grateful for the ways you continue to engage your communities with the good news of Jesus during these days.

As I have embraced the South East District during the past 16 months I have been faced with my own limitations of time and capacity to accomplish all that I would like to do. The annual district conference did not happen in 2019 in the aftermath of GC. I wanted to have more listening sessions than what could be scheduled. There are increasing needs for revitalization resources, consultations, mercy and justice organization, new ministry engagement and more! May God provide an increase in direction, wisdom and resources! Our most important resource is you, the ministry leaders, and I rejoice in the transformation of life that is being made possible through you and all of us together.

I do anticipate solidifying dates for a winter/spring district conference that will either focus on discipleship (N. Illinois just had such an even that went quite well), or an interfaith forum that would focus on issues we face in SE Wisconsin.

In addition dates will be finalized for a pre General Conference information and listening session and a post General Conference response session.

I have been blessed by the nearly 100 one on one meetings I have had with clergy this fall. We have tremendous clergy leadership. As clergy appreciation month concludes, take an extra opportunity to appreciate and pray for all clergy! I was also thrilled to participate in School for Ministry with the topic of Gratitude." How refreshing to be reminded of the power of thanksgiving and gratitude and remember what God has done for us!

Which reminds me, it is charge conference season, aren't we grateful! Please use this annual event as an opportunity not only to do the required voting items, but to celebrate one another, whom God has called together as the church.

One way we are called together in our UMC connection is our shared ministry giving which we call Apportionments. The work of Jesus Christ continues in the midst of our denominational challenges. One of our pastoral leaders told me that if it wasn't for apportionments the mission church where he grew up wouldn't have been there and he might not have come to faith or experienced God's call to ministry. In so many ways our apportioned giving makes a difference right in Wisconsin advocating justice, displaying mercy, inviting people to Christ and much more. In the midst of tough times financially and difficult times denominationally we are still called to give of ourselves to mutual mission. As we come toward the end of 2019, continue to do what you can to encourage full giving. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Please contact me with ideas, questions and encouragement as we continue this amazing work of ministry together. Also be sure to thank Heidi for her tremendous work on our behalf!

Blessings in Christ!

Forrest R. Wells, district superintendent

P.S. I will be away from the district until Halloween, completing the portion of my renewal leave that I could not do this summer. But please feel free to email, just know I will be a bit delayed in responding.

Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

LOOSE



COINS

*We collected \$207.25 in loose coins
last month for*

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Thanks so much!

October coins will go to

Family Promise of Greater Beloit

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



DIAPER BANK

Feminine Personal Hygiene
Products

(real need for these items)

Please donate
Children's
Picture Books for
Caritas Little
Free Library



ONGOING NEEDS FOR PROJECT 16:49

Shoes, Socks, Underwear,
Lightweight Sweatshirts,
Non perishable Snack Foods,
Hygiene Items

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

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.

The next newsletter will be combined for November and December, due to all the holiday activities and bulletins.

The deadline for submission is Friday, November 15th. The newsletter should be available on November 24th.

Please plan ahead so we can include all your December announcements and activities for this special issue.

Thank you!



Rummage Sale and many helpful hands





Ladies who helped with the rummage and bake sale

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

United Methodist Women would like to express our gratitude for all of the contributions of time, talents, baked goods, items for sale and support of our fall rummage sale. Your awesome help enabled us to raise more than \$1,850 to support missions at home and around the world.

-Jacque Patch



Wednesday, November 20th
at 1:00 pm @ Jacque Patch's,
9028 S. Butterfly Road



Wednesday, November 20th
at 9:30 am in
Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, November 5th
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall
Each member bring 1 treat
& Carol Connors will
present the program

WEEKLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday

10 am Adult Bible Study @ Clinton
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

4:00 pm Tutoring (FH) Begins October 9th
5:30 pm WATR ((FH) Dinner & Classes)

Thursday

4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

5:30 pm Service (FH)

Sunday

9:30 am Beloit Worship
10:00 am Clinton Worship

OUTSIDE GROUPS

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

November/December

Issue deadline is:

November 15
The next issue of the
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available
November 24th

**SPECIAL SUNDAY
OFFERING COMING SOON**
Youth Director
November 17th



NOVEMBER 2019

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

- October 28 6:00 pm Trustees (Clinton)
- October 29 4:00 pm Hospitality (FH)
5:00 pm SPPRC (O)
6:30 pm Ad Council (FH) Open for comments
- October 30 1:00 pm Knitting With A Mission (Office)
5:30 pm WATR Halloween Party
- October 31 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat @ Clinton
- November 3 10:45 am Stewardship Bible Study (Beloit)
- November 5 9:30 am Dorcas Circle (FH)
1:00 pm Memorial Committee (O)
6:00 pm Nurture & Discipleship (FH)
- November 7 6:30 pm Charge Conference @ Cargill UMC
- November 10 10:45 am Stewardship Bible Study (Beloit)
- November 12 1:30 pm Finance (Office Workroom)
- November 15 Deadline for Current
- November 17 CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

SAVE THE DATE.....

UMW Cookie Walk: December 7
Christmas Cantata: December 14 & 15
Office Closed: November 28th
Office Closed: Dec 24-26