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United Methodist Church

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April 2010

We welcome! We worship! We witness!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH THROUGH
SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 pm—April 1st

Our Maundy Thursday worship is a remembering of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. We begin in the upper room as we gather around the Communion Table and we end our time of worship in the Garden of Gethsemane.



GOOD FRIDAY

12:10 & 6:30 pm—April 2nd

We come together again on Friday in observance of Jesus' death on the cross. A 12:10 community wide service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 209 S. Allen Street, Appleton. We will also have an evening service here at Emmanuel beginning at 6:30pm. Let us gather at the cross and show our love for Christ.



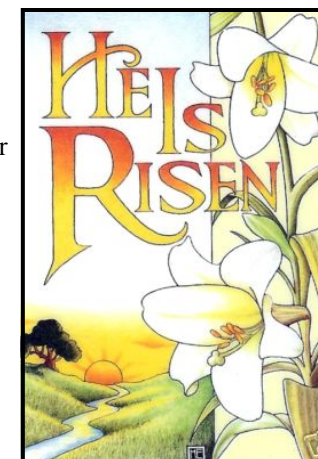
EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4th

We will have a full morning as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Our Easter morning schedule looks like this:

- 7:00 am Son Rise Worship led by our Youth
- 8:00 am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:45 am Sunday School
- 8:45 am Kids Praise
- 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt for PreK-5th grade
- 10:00am Our Traditional Easter Sunday Worship

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Make sure you are here Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection!



Our Wisconsin Conference
Camp Books are in!
Pick one up at church!



Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:00am Fellowship Time

Childcare is provided
Sunday mornings
from 8:30 to noon.

OUR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 4:45 pm Handbell Choir
- 5:00 pm Social Time
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:15 pm Classes
- 7:00 pm Choir

Childcare is provided
Wednesdays
from 4:45 to the end of choir

Important dates at Emmanuel in April

- April 1 Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30pm
- April 2 Community Good Friday Worship
- April 2 Good Friday Worship at 6:30pm
- April 4 Easter Sunday Celebrations!
- April 7 Wednesdays@Emmanuel
- April 14 Wednesdays@Emmanuel
- April 15 Salvation Army Lunch Crew
- April 18th Usher & Greeter Training
- April 21 Wednesdays@Emmanuel
- April 24 Emergency Shelter Breakfast
- April 25 New Member Sunday
- April 28 Wednesdays@Emmanuel

BUILDING COMMITTEE NEWS

It was three years ago we embarked upon our "Welcoming Piece" capital campaign to begin the process of updating, upgrading, and making our church facility handicap accessible. Over these past three years we have:

- ♦ added an elevator
- ♦ made our church fully handicap accessible
- ♦ added a smoke and fire alarm systems
- ♦ handicap accessible restroom
- ♦ replaced major portions of our roof
- ♦ repaired and maintained our crumbling parking lot
- ♦ recreated our Youth Room, water proofing the foundation, new walls, new windows, and fresh paint
- ♦ recreated our Lounge with a new kitchen, a new tile floor, and new draperies
- ♦ did significant landscaping all around the church
- ♦ had a high efficiency heating system installed
- ♦ installed heating units in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room which much better heat these rooms
- ♦ installed programmable thermostats throughout the building which better heat our building
- ♦ upgraded the Fellowship hall with window treatments, paint, and a soffit to hide the heating pipes

Thanks to your building fund gifts and to the work and efforts of many, much has been accomplished. We're much closer to where we wanted to be when we first began the effort to upgrade and equip our church facilities.

At the same time there is still a ways to go. There are a few items on our "to do list" as well as paying off the loans. The remaining items include:

- ♦ Sanctuary upgrades including fresh paint, new draperies, new carpeting, removal of the faux organ pipes which are no longer used, upgrading the chancel area, fixing or replacing the tile, etc.
- ♦ replace our 29 remaining very energy inefficient single pane windows
- ♦ replace the ramp and Meade Street entryway doors which are very energy inefficient
- ♦ upgrade our main floor women's rest room
- ♦ make significant headway on paying down our loans

The good news is that we have accomplished an incredible amount of work to enhance the facilities which enable us to do our many ministries! The challenge is to finish it all up! A "special edition" of our church newsletter will be coming out in April detailing all of this and a presentation on Sunday, April 25th as well. Thank you for being part of this!

What has Fear taught us?

My grandfather had a magnifying glass and on occasion we would look at things together through that lens, which magically made things appear so much larger than they were. My grandfather and his magnifying glass helped me see things in ways I'd never before been able to see them. His lens let me enter into an entirely new world!



It's been an interesting journey for me through this season of Lent. Every Sunday morning during worship, and then again every Wednesday night, we used a Lenten lens to look at scripture. It was a lens I'd never used before. Like my grandfather's magnifying glass which let me enter into an entirely new world, this Lenten lens helped me see things in those old familiar Bible stories which I'd never seen before. The lens we used during Lent was the lens of fear. As I read the scripture I looked at them through the lens of fear. As I read the scripture my goal was to find the fears within and behind the events and characters. I'd never done that before and it was great. It was eye opening. It helped me see things I'd never seen before.

What did fear teach me this Lent? One of the things it taught me, as I looked at the many different places in the Bible where God tells us not to be afraid, is that there really is something to that. There is an important reason that God tells us over and over again to not be afraid. That's something we need to pay attention to. Another thing it taught me is there are many different facets to fear and in that same regard there are many different ways we can respond to those fears. It was out of this that my biggest learning came; the way we respond to our fears can lead us in two very different directions.

One of the ways our fears can lead us is to put our needs and wants above everyone else's, to become selfish and self centered, and to put all responsibility on ourselves to overcome that fear. The other way fears can lead us is the direct opposite - to lead us to depend more fully upon God, to be more trusting of God, to more fully open ourselves up to God and God's power and presence and grace and love. It's been a good lesson, one I'm trying to live into. Remember these words, "fear not."

God's blessings, I'll see you in church on Sunday!

Pastor Mark

NEW MEMBER CLASS –APRIL 11, 18, & 25

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY—APRIL 25

April 25th will be New Member Sunday at Emmanuel. Prior to New Member Sunday, Pastor Mark will be holding Membership classes during Sunday School time at 8:45am on the 11th, 18th, and 25th. These classes will be held in the first floor classroom next to the Preschool. If you'd like to learn more call Pastor Mark at 731-3288.

WORSHIP AT EMMANUEL

IN APRIL

Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Cor. 11:23-26 John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

12:05 pm at Trinity Lutheran, Appleton
6:30pm at Emmanuel

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

Sonrise Easter Worship - 7:00 am

Easter Worship - 10:00am

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 11th - First Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 18th - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 25th - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

Sunday Worship begins at 10am

OUR APRIL SPECIAL OFFERINGS

4th & 11th Baltic Theological Seminary, Estonia - Remembering and in honor of the visit five years ago of our friends from Estonia, our special offerings for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Easter will go to build up the church in Estonia. The Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary was the first Methodist Seminary in the former Soviet Union. It has the largest enrollment of any Methodist seminary in continental Europe and is raising up leaders for the Methodist movement throughout Eastern Europe.

18th & 25th LEAVEN provides emergency financial, referral and service coordination assistance. Help is provided with housing, transportation, utilities and a few other basic necessities. LEAVEN serves all of Outagamie and Calumet Counties, and the Neenah-Menasha area of Winnebago County.

Gifts to our Special offerings can be mailed to church, placed in the offering plates with a special notation, or placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

UMETHODIST NEWS CONT'D

Contemporary church begins in coffee shop (UMNS) —

The Rev. Eric Huffman, pastor of 5-year-old Revolution United Methodist Church in Westport, KS was looking for a place to start a second congregation in nearby Kansas City. He asked to use the coffee shop at Broadway United Methodist Church. The result is Redemption United Methodist Church, a second congregation meeting in the same church building that will launch on Palm Sunday.

Black churches meet in 'Great Gathering' (UMNS)—

For the first time in more than 45 years, the historic black Methodist denominations gathered at a March summit known as the "Great Gathering." The African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and Christian Methodist Episcopal churches pledged attention to the plight of black males. The churches relate to The United Methodist Church through the Pan-Methodist Commission. Coverage of the event can be found at CNN and at <http://www.thestate.com/2010/03/04/1185447/church-members-leave-great-gathering.html>.

Innovative churches worship despite blizzard (UMNS)—

On Sunday, Feb. 7, when almost all churches in Maryland were closed because of snow, some clergy in the Baltimore-Washington Annual (regional) Conference conducted Sunday services electronically. The Rev. Ramon McDonald of Mount Oak Fellowship United Methodist Church in Mitchellville, Md., delivered his sermon, "Focus on Jesus," from the comfort of his own home. More than 100 people heard the sermon over the phone or through their computer.

White House focuses on faith-based groups (UMNS)—

An "ambitious" 164-page report submitted to the White House this week on partnerships with faith-based organizations will have implications for United Methodists, says the Rev. Donald "Bud" Heckman, a United Methodist pastor who sat on the council's Inter-religious Cooperation Task Force. "This report has an overriding focus on those whom our Scriptures call 'the least of these,'" he said. "There are several dozen recommendations that will mean changes in people's lives for the better. Some of them are big – like changing how we measure and treat poverty – and some of them small – specific techniques to bolster fatherhood and healthy families."

'Wesley' may be coming to a theater near you (UMNS)—

A Moravian preacher is bringing the film "Wesley" to a movie theater near you. The two-hour movie that is slowly building a platform in theaters across the United States brings to life the story of the founder of Methodism. The Rev. John Jackman, 53, pastor of Trinity Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., says he got into the movie business as a way of telling stories of redemption, and John Wesley's story has enough action for several films. "I wish I could have made this into a mini-series," Jackman says. "There is enough great material here to make an eight-hour film."

To learn more about these and other stories about the United Methodist Church, go to www.umc.org

In our Community!



Rebuilding Together Fox Valley (RTFV) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that unites individuals and companies interested in improving the lives of others by joining forces to complete housing repairs for our neighbors throughout the Fox Valley.

This is done through organizing volunteers to work side-by-side with skilled trades people who donate their time and talents:

- to make a lasting impact in our community and
- to improve the quality of life for our neighbors.

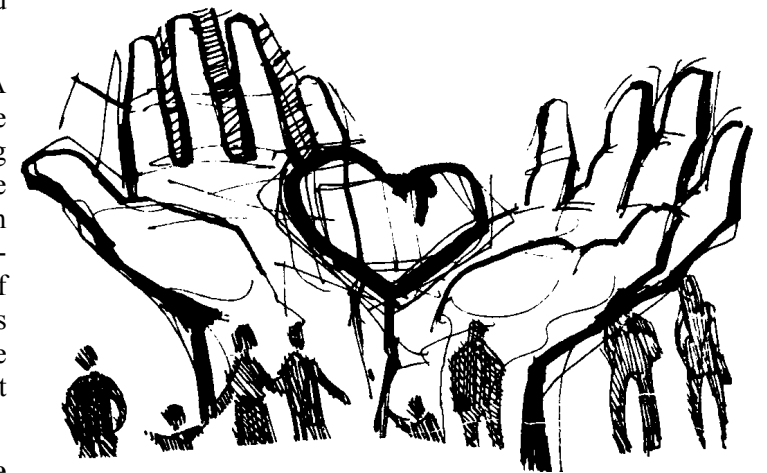
One of the goals is to remove those barriers that restrict mobility and accessibility for homeowners who otherwise do not have the financial resources to make repairs or necessary home modifications.

On May 1st, RTFV will be holding their second Project Day! In May 2009 RTFV was able to bring together the resources needed to work on 19 different homes to significantly and positively impact the lives of these homeowners who are unable to do the work for themselves.

Perhaps you'd like to volunteer. Perhaps you could use some assistance with your home. Either way, RTFV would love to hear from you!

To learn more about Rebuilding Together Fox Valley you can call them at 730-2156 or you can visit them online at:

www.rebuildingtogetherfoxvalley.org



UNITED METHODIST NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR...

Methodists in Chile assess quake toll (UMNS)—Methodists in Chile are assessing damage caused by the massive Feb. 27 earthquake. Bishop Mario Martinez of the Methodist Church in Chile said on Feb. 28 that church buildings in the districts of Chillán, Los Angeles, Segunda de Temuco and Primera y Segunda de Santiago suffered major damage from the earthquake. Because of communication problems, he had no information on the condition of churches and members in the Concepción, William Taylor and Sur districts in Chile's central region, hardest hit in the earthquake. {127}

Chilean pastor: 'Trust in the Lord' (UMNS)—The Rev. Edinson Caba Burgos and his wife, Mariela Correa-Montecinos, were just settling into their new assignment at a Methodist church in the historic section of Santiago, Chile, when the Feb. 27 earthquake struck. Their unpacked boxes remain forgotten as they share tea and cookies with those sleeping in the streets around Primera Iglesia Metodista, located in Sector Centro near the Alameda. Like many Chileans, they are concerned about having enough food and water. "Trust in the Lord" is what Caba is telling his congregation as they and other Methodist churches hold prayer services for earthquake survivors.

Chile mourns for quake victims, plans response (UMNS)—A week after the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked Chile, Methodist leaders are helping the country respond in pastoral and practical ways. On March 7, Chile officially began three days of mourning for the hundreds of people who died during the Feb. 27 earthquake. The Methodist Church of Chile has received emergency grants of \$10,000 from the United Methodist Committee on Relief and \$15,000 from Church World Service. Methodist Bishop Mario Martínez and Juan Salazar, president of Methodist Social Ministry, were part of the InterChurch Emergency Committee Chile 2010 that left Santiago on March 4 for the region hardest hit by the earthquake

Haitians pause to mourn losses from quake (UMNS)—The people of Haiti took three days of remembrance, Feb. 12 to 14, to mourn their losses from the Jan. 12 earthquake, including family and friends as well as homes and livelihoods. During the three days, people dressed in white and usually spent from 6 a.m. until 1 or 2 p.m. at church singing and praying, said Kathryn J. Paik, executive with the United Methodist Committee on Relief, who has been in Haiti helping to set up a field office. "It wasn't what I expected at all—wailing and angry toward God for allowing this to happen—but rather a time to gather their strength from God to go on still once more," Paik said

Summit draws attention to suffering in Sudan (UMNS)—A March summit will bring together United Methodists from around the world to discuss the urgent needs in Sudan. United Methodists who want to learn more about



ongoing work in south Sudan – while sharing knowledge and resources – are invited to "come to the table," said Danny Howe, chair of the Holston Annual (regional) Conference Missions Ministry Team and missions director for the summit's host church, First Broad Street United Methodist Church. "There is so much more work to do than we could have ever imagined," Howe said. "We need to operate in our full capacity as United Methodists to unify our efforts to eliminate hardship and bring hope to our brothers and sisters in south Sudan."

'One Great Hour of Sharing' offering is UMCOR's 'backbone' (UMNS)—Eight days after the January earthquake in Haiti, Melissa Crutchfield led a small team to the island to start assessing emergency needs for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The ability of her team to get to Haiti quickly was due in part to One Great Hour of Sharing, an annual, churchwide offering for UMCOR taken on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This year's offering is on March 14. To Crutchfield, who coordinates international emergency response for the relief agency, One Great Hour of Sharing "is the backbone of what makes everything possible."

United Methodist honored for protecting immigrants (UMNS)—Llewelyn Pritchard was dismayed by what he considered to be Gestapo-like tactics used on immigrants to the United States. Armed with a \$1 million grant from the Ford Foundation, the Seattle attorney chaired a committee on immigration law reform for the American Bar Association. In February, the association honored Pritchard, long-time chancellor of the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Conference, for his social justice work

Agency aids Haitian medical evacuees (UMNS)—For two Haitian families receiving medical treatment here, the earthquake that nearly destroyed Port-au-Prince on Jan. 12 is a scar that will never fade away. Estamene Lamour and her daughter, Stania Jean, and Alice Michaud and her daughter, Guilene Honore, say they are haunted by the disaster. They are not alone. Church World Service organized support for severely injured Haitians airlifted to U.S. hospitals, and the four are among the 62 medical evacuees and accompanying family members received by late February by the service's Miami office. Five more were sent to the relief agency's Durham, N.C., office, and an affiliate, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta, received 45 Haitians.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

**ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-12
ARE INVITED!
Youth Group meets
Sundays at 4:00pm**



April 30 - May 2 - Junior High Convo at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells - This is open for youth in grades 6-8. The registration fee before April 10 is \$65. After April 10th will cost \$75. There is also a meal plan for \$40 that includes all meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Bob Lenz is the guest speaker at this event. I will need chaperones for this event. I will not be able to make it.

30 Hour Famine - April 16-17 - We are asking that the youth start fasting at noon on Friday the 16th. It will go until Saturday at 6pm. It will be held at St James UMC. Everyone will need a parental [consent form](#). Details will be finalized soon. We will need an official count soon so if you're interested then return this form to me before then. You can find out more about it by going to www.30hourfamine.org

Son Rise Worship & Easter Breakfast - We'll be leading our Easter Son Rise Worship and serving the Easter Breakfast as well.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the youth group then feel free to contact me.

God Bless, *Brian*

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**WEDNESDAYS
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FOR THE
KIDS**



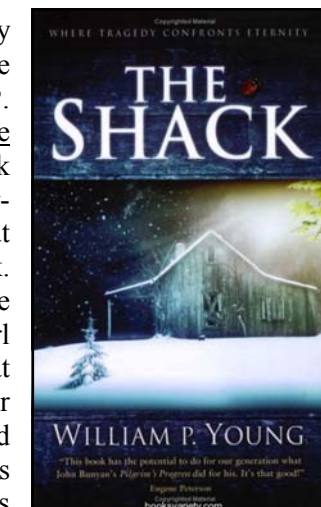
The Kindergarten thru 5th graders will begin a new series on April 7th: **"You Gotta Be Cool."** This class meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 and is led by Carrie Korb. We will be learning about some "cool cats" of the Bible and preparing for our May 16th worship service: "It's Cool in the Furnace". To learn more call Carrie at 993-9320! All are welcome!

CLASSES STARTING!

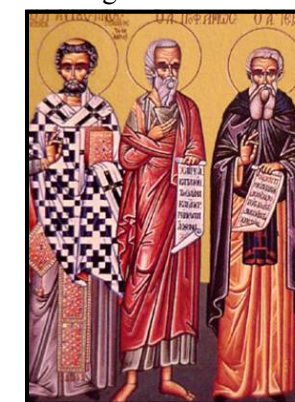
WEDNESDAYS@EMMANUEL

Two adult classes will start up on April 7th as part of our Wednesdays@Emmanuel. The classes will be:

The Shack - This class, led by Janet McKee, will continue the exploration of William P. Young's best selling book The Shack. The subtitle of the book "Where tragedy confronts eternity" better describes what Young seeks to do in this work. The story revolves around the tragic abduction of a little girl and, how in the midst of what becomes known as her father Mac's "great sadness", God reaches out to him and comforts and cares for both Mac and his family.



The Minor Prophets of the Old Testament - Pastor Mark will be leading a class which will explore the writings of the last twelve books of the Old Testament:



- ◆ Hosea
- ◆ Joel
- ◆ Amos
- ◆ Obadiah
- ◆ Jonah
- ◆ Micah
- ◆ Nahum
- ◆ Habakkuk
- ◆ Zephaniah
- ◆ Haggai
- ◆ Zechariah
- ◆ Malachi

Wednesdays@Emmanuel: Everyone is invited to come and to be part of our Wednesdays@Emmanuel classes and dinner. A time for socializing begins at 5:00. Dinner which costs \$1.50 per person begins at 5:30. Classes begin at 6:15 and last until 7:00. All are welcome! All are invited!

Dinner for 6

Interested in getting to know other members of EUMC? Then sign up for Dinner for 6, a fellowship ministry at Emmanuel designed to connect members. Couples and/or singles sign up and are matched with others to form groups of six. Each group will pick a time that works best for everyone to have dinner together, perhaps a potluck at someone's home or at a casual restaurant. It's up to you!!! Either way, enjoy a night of food and fellowship. If you are interested, please sign up on the You Can Count on Me in the Sunday bulletin or call Carrie Korb at 731-3288. Join us!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

April showers bring May flowers! Spring is the time to prepare and plant gardens. A time to see God's creation anew. A time for us to grow spiritually and use our gifts of service. Spring is also a time to be refreshed and eager to begin SPRING CLEANING for our RUMMAGE SALE.

Date: Friday, July 23rd

Time: 7am to 7pm

Donations of gently used clothing; books, jewelry, white elephants, and whatever else your spring cleaning brings are invited and welcome! Proceeds will be used for gifts to mission.



UMW Circles in April

Eve Circle - Thursday, April 8th, 7:00 pm at church

Hostess - Wanda Gustafson

Program - Ellen Franzke

Ruth Circle - Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30 pm

Hostess - Carrie Korb

Program - Sharon Murray

Martha Circle - Wednesday, April 14th, 9:00 am

Hostess - Carol Edwards

Program - Arlene Krueger

Winnebago & Nicolet Districts UMW Spring Retreat - April 23-24

This two day retreat at the Lucerne Camp & Retreat Center just outside of Neshkoro, will focus on "The Spirituality of Power and Freedom." Registrations in by Monday, April 5th avoid a \$5 late fee. The costs:

- ◆ Friday only - \$15
- ◆ Saturday only - \$15
- ◆ Friday & Saturday with lodging - \$60

See the UMW Bulletin Board in the hallway for a registration form.

Usher and Greeter Training Sunday, April 18th

All current and potential ushers and greeters are encouraged to join us for a time of training and fellowship following worship on April 18th. As we live out our mission of welcoming, worshiping, and witnessing, ushers and greeters are two of our key pieces! Come and join us!



New Member Reunion Sunday, April 25th

Have you joined Emmanuel in the last three years? You are invited to join us for a special reunion! We will fellowship and share first years' experiences. New members are vital to our congregation, and we value your feedback and suggestions!

Ministry Team Meeting Tuesday, April 6th

The ministry team will meeting on Tuesday, April 6th from 7-8:30 pm. This month's focus will be Intentional Faith Development. As we prepare to close the 2009-2010 Sunday School year, we will evaluate the season and look at the year ahead.

Emmanuel Web Page Update

Our church website has undergone significant changes over the past several months. Surf on in sometime and check it out. Newly added pages include a Staff Directory, our newsletters for 2009 and 2010, along with a link to our Ministries Booklet. It's all online and available for you to review wherever you are in the world. It's amazing. Thank you to Dafny Ponneseon Rajapal who helped us make it happen!

To check us out on the web go to:

www.Emmanuel-UMC.org



A Stewardship Message for our Church

Giving means thinking positively. "Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times."
(Ephesians 5:16 *The Message*)

Tax time is upon us. Aside from the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, it can be one of the most stressful times of the year for many people. For many it means paying at least a bit more to pay that bill in full. Still others are excited to finish the task because they've been planning and looking forward to the "gift" they're receiving with their refund.

The number one reason for marital breakdown is financial conflict. Therefore, tax time is also the time to take extra care in your relationships as you review receipts, check-books, and 1040 forms.

Even if you didn't lose your job in the recession, chances are you're worried about the economy and how it may affect you and those you love. What about your church? How are those in your church weathering the financial storm of the last few years? Has the recession provided new opportunities for spiritual growth and ministry? Or, has it encouraged conflict and "blaming" to run rampant in meetings and parking lot conversations?

Remember that when finances are tight, tempers tend to be short. How can we be care-full in our ministry? Let's remember that the primary mission of the church is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Strive to proclaim the good news we proclaim on Easter Sunday, "He is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Perhaps in these difficult times, we might do as Paul instructed the Ephesians to "make the most of every chance we get" to live the love that is ours through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These are "desperate times," so let's outdo one another in love when we're tempted to give in to the "crabby bug." Pastors and leaders can only work with the resources at hand. Whether you still have a well-paying job, you're unemployed, retired, or you've settled for a lesser-paying job, together let's find a way to give our time, talent, and treasures to say "THANK YOU" to God for the blessings we've received.

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Our Church Statistics

	Date	Worship Attendance	Regular Offering
Sunday	2/28	163	\$ 3,933.22
Sunday	3/7	150	4,599.55
Sunday	3/14	130	6,443.95
Sunday	3/21	<u>151</u>	<u>3,377.51</u>
Monthly Total		<u>587</u>	<u>\$ 18,354.11</u>
Monthly Average		146.8	\$ 4,588.53
Totals year to date for 2010		1,670	\$ 49,128 00
Average year to date for 2010		139.2	\$ 4,094.00
Totals year to date for 2009		1,788	\$ 52,215.60
Average year to date for 2009		149.0	\$ 4,351.30
Change from 2009 to 2010			
Year to date totals		- 118	- \$ 3,087.60
Weekly averages		- 9.8	- \$ 257.30



**Vacation Bible School:
Save the Date:
August 9th-13th**

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY,
APRIL 11



Thank you for the 94 items of food donated to St. Joseph Food Pantry in March. Your gifts are very much appreciated and used!

Sincerely, Monica Clare, Operations Manager

Soul Food by Bishop Linda Lee

TAKING TIME TO BE HOLY

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-5)

There is an old hymn entitled *Take Time to Be Holy*. The first verse is as follows:

"Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always and feed on His Word.

Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek."

The language in this hymn is clearly from a different era, but the message continues to be meaningful: *It's important to take the time to be with God.*

As United Methodists, we believe that, when we ask, God forgives our sins and accepts us as beloved children. As children of God, we then begin a life long process of spiritual cleansing and growth.

IT'S WORK TO CONNECT WITH GOD

To move toward holiness and an ongoing process of spiritual growth requires that we take and make intentional time. Make time for spiritual practices such as prayer, fasting, study of the scriptures, meditation, service, worship and others. God does the work in us. It is God who has made us and not we by ourselves.

And just why would one want to go through all of this work, trouble and sacrifice? Who really has enough time? I believe it is important to take and make this time with God because our spiritual condition is for a much greater purpose than our own benefit. It is the time with God that creates in us the capacity to "make friends with God's children" and "help those who are weak." These times are the well from which our souls draw sustenance and our hearts find hope. We can't afford to NOT take the time.

LOVING GOD MEANS LOVING OTHERS

God's children can be as close as the person in the next pew who disagrees with you about what is or is not happening in the congregation. God's children include the person of a different color or culture who moved in down the street. God's children are as near to us as next door and as far as Israel, Palestine or Africa. To say we love God means we are willing to develop an ever increasing capacity to love other people, especially those most difficult for us to do so.

Each day that we take the time to open ourselves to God, God is able to complete the work begun in us when we first believed -- and to make us holy. To be holy not only means to be set apart. It also means to be dedicated and devoted to serving God. Not for the sake of being holy and being satisfied that we have done all that's required. It's really not about us. Our holiness is for the sake of a world still in need of knowing the love of God. A lavish love that still provides healing, hope and justice.

IT'S ABOUT LOVING AND GIVING

The love of God can still bring peace to the places where there is war, food to people who are hungry, and freedom to people who are imprisoned. Let us be the vessels of that love.

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hopes on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you to is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (I Peter 1; 13-16)

In Christ, *Bishop Linda Lee*



OUR SHARED OFFERINGS

By Rev. Steve Polster

When a clergy or local church leader has a question often the first place they turn is to the Regional Offices and to the Regional Office Administrators. "We couldn't possibly do our work without them!" That is very likely the answer you will get if you ask any of the District Superintendents, clergy, and lay leaders, about the Regional Office Administrators who staff the four Wisconsin United Methodist Regional Offices (Milwaukee, Sun Prairie, Eau Claire and Appleton). The work of the regional offices helps all Wisconsin United Methodists focus on our vision of living, giving, and loving beyond all expectation as we seek to fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Many Wisconsin United Methodist clergy and laity have regular contact with Barb Franken (Appleton), Sherry Malone (Sun Prairie), Barb Ridgely (Milwaukee), and Bunny Smith (Eau Claire). These four faithful and dedicated professionals, who certainly give of their time and gifts beyond all expectation, fulfill vital ministries in support of the work of the District Superintendents in their ongoing work with circuits, congregations, and many connectional responsibilities, as well as provide support to local church clergy and lay leaders.

Wisconsin United Methodists together through our Shared Offerings (apportionments) allow Barb, Sherry, Barb, and Bunny to be available, and the work of the regional offices possible, thus allowing for vital attractive ministries in and through our UM congregations and circuits.

Thank you for giving through the shared offerings. And, next time you call or stop at a regional office, take a moment to say "thanks" to those who do the work connecting us all.

OUR EMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY

WE LIFT UP IN OUR PRAYERS



- ♥ Peace for all people
- ♥ Our enemies
- ♥ Military personnel and their families
- ♥ Government leaders all around the world
- ♥ All who live in areas of conflict and violence
- ♥ Continuing world conflicts
- ♥ The violence in Nigeria
- ♥ The people and government of Haiti following the earthquake there on January 12th
- ♥ The people and government of Chile following the earthquake there on February 27th
- ♥ Bill Coenen who has been in the hospital
- ♥ For a 9 year old boy with a brain tumor who has been given just weeks to live
- ♥ The power and wonder of Holy Week

Sunday March 21

- ♥ Bob & Caroline Luebke send their greetings, Bob who will be 97 this Saturday is under hospice care for esophageal cancer
- ♥ June Rohm who had two stents put in on Wednesday night
- ♥ Safe travels for Brock & Quinn Barrington to Florida & Kentucky for school
- ♥ Joy! Brock Barrington's Destination Imagination team has made it to state!
- ♥ Jessi's friend Ashely who had surgery on her lungs and heart
- ♥ Sharon Murray who had a minor stroke, that medications work
- ♥ Hazel's brother-in-law John who has been diagnosed with liver cancer, and his wife Lucille as she cares for him
- ♥ Elsie is getting her cast off
- ♥ Lynn & Vida's great nephew Walker, who was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes
- ♥ Lynn & Vida's friend Bruce who was diagnosed with a glioma brain tumor
- ♥ Joy! Susan's Mom & Dad, Joanne & Pierre Croissant were here along with her daughter Olivia and granddaughter Lilly!
- ♥ Susan's friend Nancy who is on hospice care
- ♥ The Murphy's neighbor who is having heart surgery this week
- ♥ The Warming Shelter which we hosted this past week
- ♥ Gwen Gibson who is attending the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington
- ♥ Eden Grace Hinzmann who is being baptized this morning!

Sunday March 14

- ♥ God's guidance for a friend struggling with addiction
- ♥ The John Hansen family following the death of their 16 year old niece
- ♥ Susan's friend Nancy who is on hospice care
- ♥ Roy Kardoskee who had knee surgery on the 22nd
- ♥ Children who have no toys
- ♥ Joy! Elijah has another brand new cousin born today!
- ♥ Daron Maves who had surgery on the 25th

♥ The Wing family

Sunday March 7

- ♥ Nancy Olson's Uncle Don who died this week, and her Aunt Bea who survives
- ♥ Dorothy Papenfus who has been dealing with health issues
- ♥ Harlan Clark who is dealing with blood clots in his legs
- ♥ Joy! Elsie Riesenweber's 103rd Birthday on March 9th!
- ♥ Safe travels for Carol & Chet Schlender from Florida to Wisconsin March 11 & 12
- ♥ Alyssa & Mia's dance recital, that all goes well

Sunday February 28

- ♥ Joe Gaerthofner's sister Emily who was in labor
- ♥ Joy! Brock's 18th birthday is Tuesday
- ♥ The family of Herbert Allen, age 52, who died of a heart attack this week



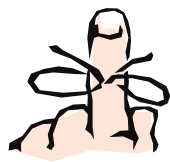
Our Wisconsin UMC Camp Books are

Here! This summer's Wisconsin United Methodist Camping books are here. Come and get one and read all about our fabulous church camp opportunities. Camping Scholarships are provided to all campers, so affordability should not be an issue. To learn about a camp scholarships, talk to Pastor Mark.



Family Camp at Pine Lake!?

We're hoping to schedule a Family Camp weekend at Pine Lake this summer. There is time for swimming, paddle boating, canoeing, hiking, or just relaxing. Sleep on a bed in a cabin. We've had wonderful worship filled and fun filled times the last few summers. We'd love to have you join us this year!



A Reminder or Two...!



Walk to
EMMAUS
THE UPPER ROOM

WORSHIP LEADERS:

April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25

Carrie Korb
Brent Burton
Ian Stuyvenberg
Bill Gibson

CHILDREN'S TIME:

April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25

Mark Geisthardt
Susan Murphy
Carrie Korb
Lynn Kollath

USHERS:

April 4
April 11

April 18

April 25

Evan & Jeff Wiesner, Susan Murphy, Bob Hansen
Sharon Murray, Joe Coenen,
Debbie Pickett, Bob Hansen

Pam Fossum, Darold Jordan,
Carol & Jerry Edwards
Tony, Lisa, Steve & Aaron Halverson

GREETERS:

April 4
April 11

April 18

April 25

Youth Group
Gwen & Bill Gibson,
Melba McGinnis & Gladys Brooker
Tony & Cindi Meulemans,
Katie Salzman & Diane Eichhorst
Denise & Pat Linstedt,
Arlene Krueger & Clarence King

ACOLYTES:

April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25

Evan Wiesner
Thatcher Linstedt
Corrine Gass
Elijah Gaerthofner

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25

Kris Stuyvenberg & Bev Salzman
Carol & Hannah Koller
The Huolihan Family
Heidi Barrington & Carol Schlender

COUNTERS:

April 4 & 11
April 18 & 25

Betty Pieters & Lori Pieters
Ashley Huolihan & Diane Eichhorst

BULLETIN FOLDERS: Thursday 10:30 am

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

Janice Donnerneyer
Gladys Brooker
Wanda Gustafson
Nancy Huolihan
Susan Murphy

Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus

Men's Walk is April 22-25, 2010
Women's Walk is April 29-May 2, 2010
The deadline to sign up for the walks
is soon - Space is limited!

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

- The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity.
- It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.
- Emmaus is for the development of Christians and is open to all Christians.

Who Should Attend Walk to Emmaus?

- Members of a local church (a requirement)
- Those with a desire to strengthen their spiritual life
- Those with unanswered questions about their faith;
- Those who understand being a Christian involves responsibility.
- Those who are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

What Happens on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend?

- You will enjoy 3-days singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in small group discussions and activities.
- Discussions centered around 15 talks: Ten by lay persons and five by clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it expresses itself in the world.

What Happens Afterwards?

- You are invited to have a closer walk with Christ for the rest of your life.

Is God Calling You?

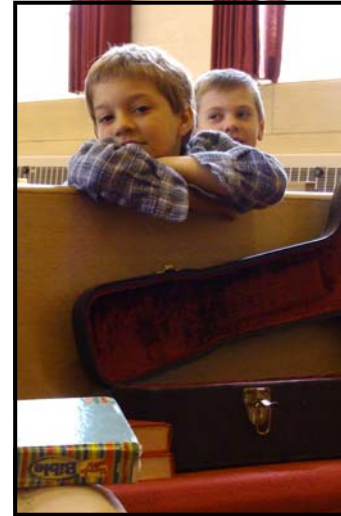
- If yes, then this is definitely a call you don't want to screen, answer it!

If interested, check out the Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus' website: www.foxvalleyemmaus.com

Or talk to the Gibsons, Korbs., Gasses, Meulemans, Stuyvenbergs, Willetts, Geisthardts and others from Emmanuel who have been on a Walk to Emmaus.



March at Emmanuel in pictures!



Terran & Nathan ready to sing on Sunday morning during "Kids Praise"



Leonard, who won the South Eastern Regional competition for the National Association of Negro Musicians and is now on to the national competition!



Baptism of Klavin MacallisterPenney



Our Wednesdays@Emmanuel meal in the Fireside Room



Miss Janet & Miss Denise leading our 2 year old to Kindergarten Sunday School Class



Baptism of Eden Grace Hinzmann



Ryan leads choir



Our Handbell Choir Rehearses