



EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



"Prayer Walking"

I started the discipline of prayer walking in the summer of 2017. Bill Gibson loaned me a book called *Prayer Walk*, which helped to better focus how I wanted to pray as I walked. I enter my "prayer space" around the church with certain things on my own heart for the day, but also open to what God is prepared to show me to pray about. I often walk from Emmanuel around Edison School, and

close in the Lord's Prayer. It was the following fall that our relationship with Edison School began and Emmanuel had volunteers reading with students and shelving books. I truly believe the Holy Spirit went ahead of us to open doors and foster relationships.

Walking and prayer walking is part of the history of Emmanuel, which we will celebrate during this 150th anniversary year. There are still some among us that remember walking, prayerfully, from our former location at Durkee Street to our current church building on College Avenue. (An important milestone we hope to recreate as we celebrate this year.)

I would like to invite you to join me for a time of Prayer Walking this Summer on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. Bring any prayer concerns with you for your circles and world. We will enter into our community for a time of prayer together.

If you are interested in the practice of prayer walking but the time does not work for you, please connect with me about other times. I always need to get my steps in. And I always need prayer!

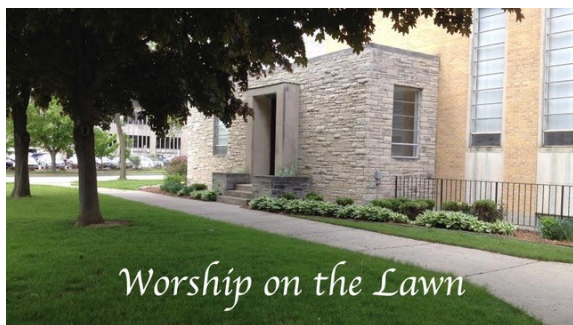
OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

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WORSHIP ON THE LAWN— SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH!



God gave Emmanuel Church a beautiful front lawn with lovely shade! Its been a great spot to worship outside the past few years with some wonderful music!

Our first Worship on the lawn will be June 12th at 10 a.m. Folding Chairs will be provided, or bring your favorite lawn chair!

Make outdoor worship a part of you plans and invite friends! See you on June 12th!

“MISSION U” COMING IN JULY, OFFERED IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

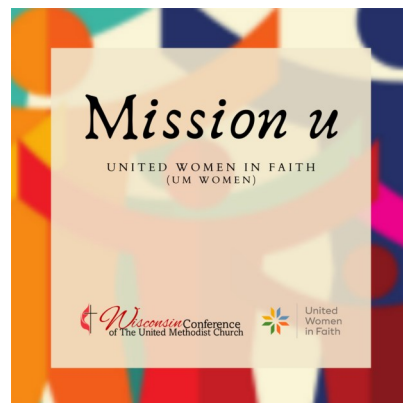
Great news—COMMUNITY is God’s desire for us! Join Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be! This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia. Our newly designed Mission

u 2022 is more flexible than ever. You may choose to do an in person class or a Zoom class. The text for the class, “Who Can We Be Together?”, will be available soon.

The in-person class will be July 28-30, 2022 at Christ Church Watertown. The Zoom Class will be four evening sessions, July 12, 14, 19, and 21. The registration form is available online at:

https://wisconsin-email.brtp.com/files/documents/enews/mission_u_2022_in_person_registration_form_2.pdf

Registration forms are also available on the UMW bulletin board at Emmanuel.



INGATHERING FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

Each year at our Annual Conference, gathering churches are asked to donate items for people in need or people suffering from disasters. This year the conference Mission Motivation committee is working with Midwest Distribution Center to collect items for the Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits. Midwest Distribution Center distributes the kits locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Midwest Mission is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee

on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. Midwest Mission distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the United States.

The Ingathering for 2022 is underway. Annual Conference, June 10 – 13, 2022 will be In-Person at the KI Convention Center, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI. There is the option of attending via Online Webinar. We ask those of you attending In-Person to bring your kits to the Ingathering truck at WI Annual Conference 2022

which will be located on Elm Street behind the KI Convention Center.

Volunteers will be on hand to load supplies: Friday, June 10th (10am-4pm) & Saturday, June 11th (8am-2pm).

For those of you NOT headed to Green Bay for Annual Conference, several churches have agreed to be drop-off sites. Gathered **supplies should be dropped off by June 8th at a drop site** in your district.

Our District Drop off site is St. James UMC in Appleton.

SENEGAL GOLF OUTING RETURNS AUGUST 17!



For over ten years the Circuit Churches in the Fox Valley have been in relationship with the Senegal Mission Initiative of the United Methodist Church in Senegal, Africa. Our financial support of the ministry helps with support of Pastor salaries, church rent, and programming for church growth. The Mission also has staff which operates a clinic out of the church and feeds children through various nutrition sites. The ministry promotes women through a Women's Skill Center, where the women learn

to speak French, restaurant level cooking, sewing, and financial skills.

We are excited to connect for an Annual golf outing to support the ministry again this year! Join us Wednesday, August 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at High Cliff Golf Course. Registration information will quickly follow. Mark your calendars, golfers!

MCCI- What is it and where are we?

MCCI is a process through which churches evaluate their current season of life and be resourced for their future. Emmanuel was one of six church selected for the process by Bishop Jung in 2020.

What has happened so far?

Pastor Ben went through a year long training process with other clergy and shared this resourcing with other leaders in our church. The Breakthrough Prayer has been a foundational piece of the MCCI process. Rev. Scott Carlson, District Superintendent of the Southwest District, came in February for a “Resource, Refocus” event to help remind us of the MCCI opportunity.

Where are we in the process now?

The next step in our MCCI Process is called an “Express Consultation Day.” Emmanuel will receive a visit from a team of pastors, many of whom have gone through this process themselves. Rev. Scott Carlson who joined us for the Refocus Day will also be present, along with Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey who created the MCCI process in West Ohio Conference. The consult team is coming to learn about what God has been doing here at Emmanuel. **Our Express Consultation day is Wednesday, July 27th.**

How can I help?

The participation of our entire church will be important on **July 27th**. The consult team will interview some of our leaders during the day, but the day concludes in all church session in which we learn more about the MCCI opportunity. It will be a time that everyone in the church can share what God has been doing at Emmanuel and listen for our hopes in the future. Please put Wednesday, July 27th on your calendar for this important day in the life of our church! Pastor Ben and other leaders of Emmanuel will be sharing more about it in worship as we get closer!

SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURES!

Gas to get around. Groceries for a quick meal to grill out. A run to Target for a summer birthday party. Dinner at Culvers or Jimmy Johns on the way home from church.

You can do all of these things **AND contribute to Emmanuel Church at the same time** through the SCRIP program. Through the SCRIP program you purchase a gift card (at church for face value) to your favorite retailer, gas station, and grocery store.

Use these gift cards in your daily doings as you normally would. Meanwhile, these retailers are returning a portion to Emmanuel!

We are grateful for all of the work of Paul Sagers and his ministry through Scrip. Paul is at the Scrip table following worship every week and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Email Paul at paulsagers@msn.com to place your order ahead of time or even get a delivery! Shop with Scrip and give to Emmanuel Church!



Groceries, Gas, Shopping and more...

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FROM WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

“Good”

June 2022

To be a follower of Jesus means to be willing to sacrifice ourselves for the good of all. It means to be willing to deny ourselves for the benefit of all of humanity. I recently read about a man named Thomas Cannon who did this in a truly remarkable way. He was a postal worker in Richmond, Virginia, who lived much of his life on the edge of poverty so that he could give to those in need. Describing himself as “a poor man’s philanthropist,” he gave away more than \$150,000 to people who were experiencing hard times, or who had been unusually kind or brave. He gave these gifts over the last 33 years of his life, mostly in the form of \$1,000 checks.

He traced his inspiration to his time in the Navy. While he was away at signal school, there was a ship-board explosion at the Port of Chicago and many of his shipmates were killed. He concluded that he was spared for a reason — to help others, to be a role model, to inspire people to see what he called “the oneness of it all.”

Cannon gave to people of all ages, races, nationalities, and incomes. He gave to a low-income woman who started a youth center in her apartment complex . . . to a retired postal worker who was a regular volunteer at an elementary school . . . to a woman and a man who wanted to return to Vietnam to visit their hometown . . . to an advocate for the victims of crime . . . and to a teenager who had been abandoned as an infant but grew up to be named Virginia’s Youth of the Year.

This generosity didn’t come without sacrifice. Cannon supported his wife, his two sons, and himself and his charitable efforts on a salary that never exceeded \$20,000 a year. When he retired from the postal service in 1983, he and his wife lived near the poverty line on his pension. “We lived simply,” he said before his death in 2005, “so we could give money away.”

He wasn’t unhappy about these sacrifices. In fact, he had a great sense of humor, one that he kept even after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. As his health was failing, he told the Richmond newspaper, “A Baptist deacon who owed me \$200 died recently. First thing I’m going to do when I get to the other side is run him down.”

Thomas Cannon didn’t want a foundation to be set up to continue his work after his death. He feared that a foundation would require a bureaucracy, and tons of paperwork. He didn’t even want his name attached to anything. He just left one simple request: “Help somebody.”

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



JUNE LAY LEADER THOUGHTS– MIKE PFAHLER

June, and summer is almost here. Several special Sundays on tap for this month.

June 5th, Pentecost, 50 days after Christ's resurrection and 10 days after his Ascension into heaven. You might remember that at his Ascension, he instructed the disciples to remain in Jerusalem together until the Holy Spirit arrives. That's exactly why we celebrate Pentecost, the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The big entrance, wind and flames, disciples speaking in many languages. The townspeople thought they were all drunk. But mostly illiterate disciples now able to talk and understand many different languages, what a miracle. Now they were truly equipped to go out to the whole world and preach the Gospel. Favorite songs of mine for this celebration, #393 Spirit of the living God, and #420 Breathe on me, Breath of God.

June 12th, Trinity Sunday, as we celebrate the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have One God that is understood to have three distinct forms. Not an easy concept to comprehend and any explanation by me might not be theologically accurate. Favorite songs for this celebration, #61 Come, thou almighty King and #64 Holy, holy, holy. This Sunday also wraps up the Wisconsin Annual Conference meetings, which started on the 10th. Our own Pastor Ben will be recognized as he is Commissioned by the Conference as a Provisional Member.

June 19th, for the last three Sundays we've celebrated Christ's Ascension, the Holy Spirit's arrival, and the concept of the Trinity, the three in one. The Trinity promises us Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Two Sunday's celebrating the Son and the Holy Spirit and one Sunday all Three, but what about the Father? Amazing that this Sunday is Father's Day. While certainly it is on the calendar a non-religious holiday, maybe we can also celebrate God our Father. Happy Father's Day to all those fathers in our congregation.

June 26th, not a special Sunday on the calendar, but the 1st Sunday after the start of summer. The lectionary offers us many interesting readings for this day. In Luke, we are treated to the story of the Sons of Thunder as the videos of The Chosen have called the disciples James and John, for their part in wishing that God would throw bolts of lightning and thunder at some Samaritans they were disagreeing with. Anyone who ever attended a Notre Dame game in South Bend, would experience those same wishes from the crowd as they call down the thunder on the other team at the end of the 3rd quarter. Jesus always tells us to treat our neighbors, even enemies, loving them as we would love ourselves. In Kings, the story is of Elisha, selected to be God's voice to the people after Elijah. As Elijah prepares to leave the earth (spectacular in its own regard) Elisha requests that God through Elijah grant him a DOUBLE PORTION of his Spirit. Galatians provides us with ways to live a Christian life. Being free to choose our own way, one should listen more to the Spirit instead of one's own flesh. Favorite hymn #703, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.

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