

The Tower

Gathering As Friends... Growing in Faith... Sharing God's Love

Pet Blessing

Many churches have a special time to bless the animals that make their homes with so many of us. The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4. He was the patron saint of animals, and often churches choose his feast day for their service. Our observance will be on Saturday, September 27, at 10:00 am. Anyone who has a pet of any kind is invited to bring their animal that day. We will gather outside, in the front courtyard, so please feel free to bring a lawn chair for comfortable seating. This gathering (about 30 minutes long) will include a time of worship as well as an introduction of our various pets and the naming of any animal-friends we know of who died in the past year. All varieties of pets are welcome. (Pet owners are responsible for the behavior of their own pet. Barks, whines, and purrs are not a problem!) So, mark your calendar, brush your pet's coat, invite someone else to come with you who may have a pet, and plan to be with us as we celebrate the gifts pets bring to our lives and recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures.



Special Called Church Conference

On Monday, September 22, 2014, we will have a special called Church Conference, that we might take an official vote to move ahead on the plans for our parking lots. The Building Committee has been hard at work and is at the point of being able to show the congregation the designs for this project. You are invited to join us at 7pm that evening in Fellowship Hall.



Treasure

Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For a few weeks this Fall, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. Join us in worship on Sept. 21st as we begin to lift up thoughts about Treasure. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more, during our worship services.

On November 9th, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available in church. We will ask that people bring their commitment cards to worship that day. We hope that you'll join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

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Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship - Chapel
9:45 a.m. Blended Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Children & Youth
11:00 am Adult Sunday School Hour

Church Staff and Office Hours

Sue Burwell

Pastor

Tuesday - Friday • 9:30-3:00

Charles Bauer-King

Pastor of Visitation

Monday & Thursday • 9:15-2:00

Natalie Stumpner

Director of Christian Education

Monday - Thursday • 9:00-4:00

Jodie Hunt

Church Administrator

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday • 9:30-4:30

Jackie Onan

Financial Secretary

Monday • 9:00-2:00; Thursday • 9:00-12:00

Dr. Sheila Feay-Shaw

Chancel Choir Director

Tim Karth

Agape Praise Team Director

Martha Aslakson

Organist (9:45 service) & Tower Bells Director

Janet Smith

Pianist (8:15 service)

Amanda Prosser

Cherub Choir Director

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir & Youth Ensemble Director

Heather Sugden

Agape Accompanist

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Chick Zaffiro

Maintenance/Security

Marie Rider

Printer/Custodian

**2014
Tower Deadlines**



November 4 - December (Advent/Christmas)

Please place your articles in the Tower folder in the church office across from Jodie Hunt's office or email to waumc@sbcglobal.net by the above dates.

We'll pray for you!

Our church prayer chain welcomes any prayer requests you would like to forward to us.

You may drop your written prayer concern in the collection plate on Sunday morning, or call or email it to: Penny McCanles at 414-453-5337, pmccanles@wi.rr.com; or Jodie Hunt at 414-453-0700, waumc@sbcglobal.net.



The requests are emailed each Monday to those who have agreed to pray for those who need our help. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Penny McCanles at the above email address.

Feel Free to Contact Your Pastors

There are times when people are hospitalized, or have personal concerns or a crisis, and the pastoral staff would like to be supportive. If you or someone you know, goes to the hospital, or needs our care, please feel free to call the church and let us know. Pastor Sue makes hospital visits Tuesday through Sunday, and Pastor Charles makes hospital visits Mondays & some Thursdays. Also, contact the church office and let us know of the names of any home-bound persons who might like a visit. And, if your address changes, we also would appreciate receiving that information. After office hours, you can reach Pastor Sue at 414-257-1228 and Pastor Charles at 262-681-0570.

A few years back a clergy friend of mine died. He had spent his whole life serving the church, planning meaningful worship services, and he was one of those people who really hadn't made plans for his own funeral. He was 84 years old. Even in the last month of his life, he gave me a few ideas of what might be included in his funeral, but nothing definite, saying simply "you folks can figure that out." And we did. We created what I believe was a funeral that celebrated his life and gave thanks to God for all the years we shared with him. I thought later though, wouldn't it have made sense for him to make some notes, create a plan, have direct input into this worship celebration as he had done so for the many churches and people he had served? I'll never know if the hymns and Scriptures we chose would have been ones he would have chosen as favorites because he didn't tell us.

For one reason or another we avoid making decisions about what are some of life's difficult times. We may repeatedly comment that we should make a will, or jot down ideas about what we would want in our funeral or memorial service, or indicate where memorial contributions may be made in our name. But there's not a big percentage of us who complete these projects. We put it off for a later date, and sometimes family and friends who are left after we have died, may wish they knew about our preferences. A number of times I've heard family ask what their loved one would have wanted as far as memorial gifts, and sometimes family forget that their father/mother was an active part of the church all their life, and might have appreciated having memorials given to the church. But that mother/father never wrote down their wishes.

This kind of future planning is very beneficial for family and friends and for those of us who are willing to plan ahead. We can leave this earth with a little less unfinished business, and our family will have the knowledge they are following our directives. In addition, if you want the church to be a beneficiary of some memorials in your name, that will be clear, and the church you've loved and served will be supported through those gifts. Please consider participating in the following workshop, to think through your plans:

Join us for a Charitable Gift Seminar

Sunday, October 5th, 5-7pm

Fellowship Hall

How do we leave behind a legacy that could not only benefit someone else, but one which supports the church and various ministries that we love? Rev. Jean Ehnert Nicholas from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation will be with us to have a conversation about helping you meet your charitable giving goals. She will discuss a variety of opportunities available to help you make gifts to our church with assets other than cash. She will not be selling anything! We will start the evening with a supper provided for you at no cost, and Jean will share various ideas about how to make decisions now that will be consistent with your own values and wishes.

Supper will be served at 5:00pm (no cost to you) – please RSVP

Call the church office at 414-453-0700 or email:
waumc@sbcglobal.net

Other information:

Will I be pressured to make a gift to the Foundation? NO – We do not solicit gifts for the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Our goal is to share ideas of ways you can make gifts to your church or other ministries for which you have passion/interest.

Will I be pressured to give anything at all? NO – The primary question throughout the presentation will be, "What is God calling you to give?"

memorials
& gifts

**Upcoming Sermon
Scriptures & Themes**

Sept. 21: *Where Is Your Treasure?*
Matthew 6:19-21

Sept. 28: *How to be Great*
Philippians 2:1-13

Oct. 5: *Where Do We Start?*
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Oct. 12: *Worryless Living*
Philippians 4:1-9

Oct. 19: *The Problem with Two Masters*
Matthew 6:24

Oct. 26: *A Change of Plans*
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Nov. 2: *God Who?*
Ps. 34:1-10 & I John 3:1-3

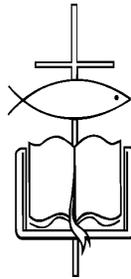
Nov. 9: *Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing*
Matthew 6:25-34

Nov. 16: *Deborah the Brave*
Judges 4:1-7

Nov. 23: *What We Do With What We Have*
Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 30: *Songs for Sighing*
Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37

If you are out of town or miss church some Sunday and would like to read the sermons, you will find them on our church website: www.waumg.org.



World Communion Sunday, October 5

We mark this day as a time that we share with our sisters and brothers in the faith who are also gathering for communion. Offering envelopes will be provided for the church-wide World Communion Offering. Our participation in this Special Sunday is vital to developing United Methodist leaders. Our gifts provide scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students who might not be able to pursue higher education without our support.



Much of the music for our services will be world music. Hymns chosen for this day have their roots in: Scotland, Liberia, Nicaragua, the Caribbean, and Ireland. The Adult Choir will present two special musical pieces. Uyai Mose is written in the style of Zimbabwean music from the Shona people. The song which will be sung in both Shona and English is accompanied by xylophone patterns played by our youth. The repetition of the music is traditional to focus the scriptural message while being layered with rich harmonies. The second piece is Ani Ma'Amin, a traditional Jewish song. The text is: I believe, with a complete belief, in the coming of the Messiah, even though he may tarry, even so, I believe. The beautiful, rich harmony and minor key give the piece a mournful, flowing sound. These two works remind us of the connections with other religious communities on this day across the world.

The Youth Ensemble will be singing *A Place at the Table*, which speaks of the resources of the world needing to be shared with a variety of people in the world.

Our Church Family

Recent surgery...

Gretchen Kane, Linda Snyder

In Special Care...

Jodie Hunt, Roma Erickson

We rejoice in the baptism of...

Owen Daniel Salsieder, son of Daniel & Brenna, on August 24



Service Opportunities - Fall 2014

- Sept. 20** Make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering meal site at 9 a.m.
- Oct. 5** Pick up bucket to make jello fruit salad for St. Ben's meal program
- Oct. 13** Bake muffins for St. James meal program at 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18** Make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering meal site at 9 a.m.
- Nov. 2** Pick up bucket to make jello fruit salad for St. Ben's meal site.
- Nov. 10** Bake muffins for St. James meal program at 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15** Make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering meal site at 9 a.m.
- Nov. 15** Prepare and serve a hot meal at Summerfield UMC. Meet 3:30 p.m.

Food Items Needed for the Wauwatosa Food Pantry



Please consider donating food items to our Ingathering grocery cart (at the bottom of the central set of stairs), and we will take the food to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry at St. Bernard's. The following non-perishable foods are recommended by the Hunger Task Force. All items should be unopened, commercially-prepared and well within their freshness dates. Pick up a second item for the pantry when you shop. Thank you!

- High protein foods such as peanut butter, canned meats, canned beans, chili and stews
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit and canned juice, jelly
- Breakfast items, such as cereal, oatmeal and pancake mix
- Dinner items such as pasta, macaroni & cheese, potato mixes, rice
- Lunch items such as canned or dry soups or canned pasta items
- Infant formula, baby food, and diapers
- Toiletries such as bar soap, toothpaste, facial tissue, toilet tissue

Annual Milwaukee Empty Bowls Fundraiser Lunch

On Sunday, October 12, come to a luncheon fundraiser to help combat hunger. Enjoy a delicious meal of chef-made soup and bread, receive a handmade ceramic bowl, and make a suggested minimum donation. The event runs from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Kern Center - Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1245 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI. Music, pottery demonstrations and information booths also take place. The event benefits several hunger programs such as the Milwaukee Christian Center, the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Friedens Community Ministries and several others. Log on for more information at www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org. Last year this event raised \$44,000 to combat hunger!

Go Green! Get *The Tower* Online

Reduce paper usage and read *The Tower* online at www.waumc.org. Go to AboutUs|TowerNewsletter. Simply email the office at waumc@sbcglobal.net to opt out of receiving a paper copy of our *Tower* newsletter (published 6 times a year). A notice will go in the bulletin and email announcements when a new *Tower* is published. If you wish to opt back in to receiving a mailed copy, send the office another email to that effect.

2014 CROP Hunger Walk

It is time to plan for the 2014 CROP Hunger Walk. The CROP walk is an event where people of different faith communities, cultures, and ages come together to raise awareness and funds for local, state, country, and international hunger. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 12, at Milwaukee's Lakefront (McKinley Marina). Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. There are two different distance options, 2 miles or 5 miles. We usually choose the 2-mile route. This event is great for all ages! WAUMC has participated the last few years and would like to gather more participants this year. Car pool arrangements can be made if you'd prefer. If you'd like to participate, please contact Natalie. If you are unable to participate, please consider sponsoring the team with a monetary donation or a donation of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Hunger Task Force.

Sunday School

We currently have a few openings for teachers on a few of our teaching teams (including 5K/1st grade and 2nd/3rd grade). Volunteers lead class approximately once a month. Lesson plans are easy to follow and are available well in advance. If you are available to join a team, please contact Natalie.

Fall Family Night

Join us on Thursday, October 9th from 6-8pm for an evening of Fall family fun. We will be gathering for a time of crafts, games, and a service project. For questions and to RSVP please see Natalie by October 1st.



Pastor Sue's Book Discussion

Our next quarterly book discussion will be November 2 at 11am (meet in the east end of Fellowship Hall). The book is *Please Look After Mom* by Kyung Sook Shin. This novel from widely acclaimed Korean author Shin focuses on motherhood and family guilt. Park So-nyo, mother of four now-adult children, has gone missing in a Seoul train station on the way to visit them. As her family searches for her, long-held secrets and private sorrows begin to reveal themselves, forcing her children to wonder how well they actually knew the woman they call Mom. This Korean million-plus-copy best-seller is an impressive exploration of family love, poverty, and triumphing over hardship. (This book is also one of the selections in the 2014 UMW reading program.)



Disciple Bible Study

Last year, Jack Kaufman and Milly Strawn led a short 8-week Disciple Bible Study on the Hebrew Bible. This year, beginning October 6 for 8 weeks, they will do a short Disciple Bible Study, "Invitation to the New Testament," concentrating on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, with correlations from the Hebrew Bible. This class will meet Monday evenings at 7:00-8:30PM in room 4. Jack and Milly believe that previous Disciple class participants and those with limited knowledge of scripture (but a desire to enhance their awareness of the relevancy of Bible) would benefit from this 8-week study. There is a sign-up sheet and study books in the church office.



NEW TESTAMENT
Study

Discussion Group

Pastor Sue is leading a discussion group this Fall, with participants reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World—a Geography of Faith*. The author shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a part of everyday life. Taylor shows us how to find altars everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.

We will cover the 12 chapters of this book in four class sessions, which means the reading will average about 50 pages every two weeks. Classes will be on Thursdays, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, & 30 at 2pm .



Membership Exploration Classes

Have you been attending our church for awhile? If so, would you like to learn more about our church and possibly become a member? The next membership exploration classes will be held on Sundays, November 2 and 9, at 4:30pm. Talk to Pastor Sue if you are interested.

Habitat for Humanity House

Plumbing & electrical work have been completed & inspected along with wall insulation on WAUMC's 15th Habitat for Humanity House! Now it's time to call all volunteers back to dry wall interior walls. Milwaukee Habitat has given us our 3 Saturday dry wall schedule as follows: September 27, October 4 & 11. Times are 9 am - 4 pm with lunch provided at noon. Address is 2125 N. 41st St. (2 blocks south of North Ave.) Volunteers are asked to bring: Hammer, nail apron, tape measure (16' minimum), square (speed or combination), retractable utility knife, two pencils, safety glasses, work gloves. We'll also need lunches provided each work day. This is a great option for those not comfortable with construction activities! As usual we'll break for about 2 weeks for the taping, mudding & plastering done by skilled labor. We'll return on about Oct. 25 or Nov. 1 to prime & paint interior. Please sign up in the Habitat Book located in the church office. Any questions, contact Anne Ruttger Neafie at 262-797-6562 or neafie@wi.rr.com.

All Saints Observance- Sunday, November 2

November 1st is All Saints Day, the day the church sets aside to remember those who have died, especially those from our fellowship and families, during this past year. We will be observing All Saints Day and communion, on Sunday, November 2nd. Persons are invited to bring to worship the names of people who have been a part of their life, who have died since last November 1st. During the prayer time, people will be invited to share those names. Or, if you prefer, there will be a basket in the entryway of the church to submit names before each service, so they can be read aloud. During worship, candles will be lighted remembering all those persons whose names are shared. The Chancel Choir and a Brass Ensemble will be providing music for the day.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 2

Remember to turn your clock back one hour Saturday night.

Children's Christmas Musical Save the Date



We are once again looking forward to the children and young people of our church sharing their talents with us on December 15 at the 9:45am service. This year's musical offering will be "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem?" Our children's choirs are

beginning their rehearsals. If your son or daughter would like to be in the musical, please make sure they are attending choir rehearsals by the end of September.

WAUMC Coffee House Concert Series Returns This Fall!

Please join us for our upcoming Community Coffee House Benefit Concerts. These mini concerts run from 7:00 to 9:00pm on select Saturdays, every other month, through June. Light food and beverage will be served. A nominal admission will be charged to support our various outreach and service organizations. The various musical groups feature local bands, school groups, WAUMC musicians as well as friends of the church. All funds raised are put right back into the church missions. Contact Tim Karth or Bill Armstrong if you have a suggestion for a guest group or have other questions.



Coffee Hour Hosts

If you didn't have the opportunity to sign up as a coffee hour host on the recent Sunday bulletin inserts, know that we can really use your help. Perhaps you belong to a Circle, Men's group, Choir, K'n'K, or any of our other groups—you could sign up as a group. Or you can sign up individually or with a friend. So many people enjoy Coffee Hour, but we always are in need of hosts at the 10:45am fellowship time. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The October Recruiter for coffee hour hosts is Susan Freitag and for November it is Heidi Engbring. They would very much appreciate your help!

News from Troop 21

More Eagle Scouts Awarded

Pierce Libbey is now an Eagle Scout. Pierce is the 171st Eagle Scout awarded by Troop 21 and is a high school senior at Wauwatosa East High School. He is the son of Blythe and Greg Libbey, of Wauwatosa. Pierce remodeled (ceiling removal, new floor and walls) the Forest Street WAUM Church Parsonage basement as his Eagle Project. His project involved 267 hours of volunteer work.

Miles Phillips is also now an Eagle Scout. Miles is the 172nd Eagle Scout awarded by Troop 21 and is also a senior at Wauwatosa East High School. He is the son of Kim and John Phillips of Wauwatosa. For his Eagle Project, last Christmas Miles entertained the residents of the Lutheran Home with roving musicians and carolers wandering the halls singing Christmas tunes. Volunteers also assisted residents in decorating cookies for their enjoyment. His project involved 110 hours of volunteer work.

In the past 20 years, Troop 21 has assisted 90 young men earn their Eagle Scout Award! If we assume each Eagle Project involved an average of 125-150 hours, that results in nearly 14,000 hours of volunteer service delivered to our community by our own Eagle Scouts.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Yes, it's hard to believe but the Troop 21 holiday wreath sale is under way. The profit from the Troop 21 holiday wreath sale pays all the expenses for Troop activities for the next year. Scouts also receive a significant part of the profit from their individual sales for their summer camp costs. To purchase a Scout wreath contact Troop 21 and WAUMC members: Cory Vines, Caleb Vollmers, Malcolm Gregory, Jack Gregory, or Max Hawthorne — if they don't contact you first.

Campouts Planned

Troop 21 Scouts will day camping on September 19-21 at Maplewood Farms, just east of Johnsons Creek; and October 10-12 at Kohler Andre State Park on the shore of Lake Michigan. Troop 21 Campouts are planned during 11 of the 12 months each calendar year. Our very active camping program is one of the things that attract boys to Troop 21. Interested in what Troop 21 does? Any young man age 10-17 can stop by

any Tuesday evening, Fellowship Hall, to visit Troop 21. Boys can join Boy Scouting at any time.

2015 Kenya Mission/Safari Trip Ole Keena Primary School

Bruce & Sallie Peterson, along with their daughter, are planning a June 23-July 8, 2015 Mission and Safari Trip to Kenya Africa for 12 people. This is a self-funded, life changing experience for anyone age 16 and older.

The 2015 mission will consist of two projects: constructing a poultry house (chicken coup) and purchasing two solar ovens to bake breads and muffins to be sold in neighboring villages providing income for the village and school. The poultry house will provide eggs and meat for the school and village, with fertilizer as a by-product for their garden. Excess eggs and chickens will be sold as added income for the school and village and the school children will be responsible for gathering eggs and feeding the chickens.

Bruce and Sallie would love to have you join them on this adventure. Working at the school on these projects and working with and teaching the Maasai children will give participants a true feeling of doing the Lord's work. In addition, you will be thrilled to see the many animals on the safari drives. If you cannot join this group and would like to help purchase materials for the Poultry House or to help purchase the two solar ovens, that would be great. Your donation can be put in an envelope marked "Ole Keene School Project" and placed in the offering plate. Thanks for your help.

For more information, please talk to Sallie and Bruce.

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Thank you very much.



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TIME-DATED MATERIAL
Please have in-home
September 19



WAUMC Fall "SOUPER" Sunday

October 26, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 1p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Four homemade soups:

Chicken & Rice
(gluten free)

Beans & Barley Old Fashioned Lentil
(vegan & gluten free)

Olive Garden Zuppa Toscana
(gluten free)

Roasted Cauliflower & Thyme with Bacon
(vegetarian without optional bacon garnish)

Crackers, Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Milk
Dessert

Free-will offering supports future WAUMC "Souper" Sundays

Fellowship... Food... Fun!



Please bring clean, large-mouth jars with lids to the church dishwasher room before or on Souper Sunday.