

The Tower

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

Guest Artist in Worship — September 8



Ryan Pederson, one of the featured potters at The Potter's Shop in Waukesha, will be with us in worship at the 9:45am service on September 8.

He will work on his potter's wheel while Pastor Sue preaches. The Bible story that day is the one about the potter and the clay from Jeremiah 18:1-11. You won't want to miss the experience of having the Scripture come alive, as Ryan shares his skills right in front of our eyes. Ryan is a committed Christian who says he is still learning how to walk with the Lord and learn from Him. "I'm still amazed at Jesus' forgiveness for my failures, and how He picks me up and heals and refreshes me. I'm amazed when He works through me. God is good, all the time. And I am thankful!" And about his work as an artist, Ryan says: "I have had a love affair with motion since as far back as I can remember. At the age of four I spent \$3 on a motor from the local surplus store. That little motor kept me busy for hours! In middle school I got my first chance at working on the potters wheel and I was hooked. From middle school on through high school I would spend as much time as possible on the wheel practicing. I started to find out that what I loved about the wheel was something I could find in other activities as well. You can feel it while taking a fast turn on a bicycle or while riding a motorcycle. Whenever I take a turn in my car I can feel it. This is one aspect of life that brings me pleasure, and I hope that when you look at and hold my work in your hands, you will see and feel this celebration of flow that it was made with."

Membership Exploration Classes

If you would like to learn more about our church and possibly become a member, the next classes will be held Sundays, October 20 and November 3, at 4:30pm. Talk to Pastor Sue if you are interested.

Church T-Shirts Coming Soon

Our 165th Anniversary year is a good time to offer church T-shirts. A number have people have asked for an updated version, so a new one is being designed. Orders will be taken in September (watch for sign up sheets on September 8), with delivery sometime in October. Watch for more information.



New Music Staff Person Announced



Amanda Prosser is joining our staff this year as the director of the Cherub Choir. She studied voice at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and received both a Bachelor and Master of Music in Performance. Throughout her education, Amanda taught private voice and piano lessons, as well as Musikgarten classes. After graduation, she pursued teaching further, received certification, and began a career as a general music teacher at two schools in Madison, preschool to 8th grade. Amanda has since moved to Menomonee Falls with her husband, Rob, and young son, Everett, whom she is blessed to stay home with. They are expecting baby #2 in December! Amanda enjoys working with young children, and is looking forward to meeting our youngest choir members.

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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)

Heather Pulkowski

Agape Accompanist

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir & Youth Ensemble Director

Amanda Prosser

Cherub Choir Director

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Don Truman

Custodian

Marie Rider

Printer

**2013
Tower Deadlines**



September 3 - October (All Saints/Thanksgiving)

November 5 - 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.

Capital Fund Appeal Plans

We are beginning to plan for our Capital Fund Appeal. This appeal will be a congregation-wide effort to raise funds to improve our facilities — facilities which are intended to help us fulfill our mission — **Gathering as Friends, Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love**. This appeal is our opportunity to remain good stewards of the church facilities entrusted to us.

Preliminary plans have been developed. The following parking projects will ensure that our church has safe, adequate, low maintenance and aesthetically pleasing off-street parking for our current and future members:

- Removal and replacement of the existing parking structure immediately west of the church with a surface parking lot.
- Removal and replacement of the caretaker's house immediately south of the church with a surface parking lot.
- Updating the existing surface parking lot with an accessible entrance to the church.

While the parking project is our highest priority, the Trustees have identified other projects that need to be completed:

- Pipe organ repair
- Lintel/window repair
- Parsonage window replacement
- Seed money for a maintenance fund to guide our long-term facilities planning.

You will be hearing more in the weeks ahead about how our Capital Fund Appeal, **Built on Faith... Into the Future**, will unfold. Eventually, all members will receive an appeal packet which will contain a Hoped for Gift letter and a five-year response card. We then ask everyone to spend time praying and considering how God is leading each of us to respond. Then we will have a Commitment Sunday on November 10th, when we ask everyone to bring their response envelope to worship. This will also be the time that we make our Annual Stewardship pledge in support of our ministries. These are exciting times for our congregation. Please pray for God's blessings on our Capital Fund Appeal.

...faith to move mountains. I Corinthians 13:2

My parents took me fishing from a young age. At first it was an adventure to do what the adults were doing. But as I moved towards those junior high years, I'd really rather have been somewhere else. I was known to take a book into the boat with me, for something interesting to do if the fish weren't biting. Every now and then, the fish did bite — like crazy. And because I'd been taught to bait my own hook and take the fish off the hook, I had the basic skills and could pretty much keep up with the adults. As I got older, I helped with fish cleaning duties.

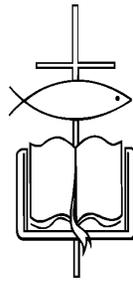
Now here I am in my 60's, still enjoying those skills my parents helped me develop, even though I couldn't imagine I'd still be fishing. I figure as long as I can navigate getting in and out of a boat, and being able to see the bobber long distance, I can fish for awhile yet.

I know parents want their children to develop a variety of interests and they want to give them the best of everything. They want their basic needs to be cared for and also for them to have a chance to try out various free time activities and find what really interests them or where their natural abilities lead them. I understand why we want the best for our children, since we may be teaching them skills they will still use as adults.

I encourage families to consider their child's faith education as one of those important life skills. When that child sees their family taking seriously their commitment to a faith community, the child knows this is a priority. And hopefully what they learn about God and Jesus Christ and how to live out Christ's teachings, that knowledge will inform them for the rest of their lives. I know soccer, baseball, and swimming are important and develop a variety of skills in us. But honestly, I don't see many 60-year-old soccer players! We need to keep exercising all through our years, but we also need to learn about exercising our prayer muscles and our minds as we learn about the Bible. These are skills that are bound to come in handy as adults. It's up to us as caring adults to encourage the faith development of our children and youth, to find space in our calendars for church activities. Yes, sometimes they may grumble, that's what kids do. But someday they may be grateful for the faith roots we've given them.

Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

- Aug. 25:** Jeremiah 1:4-10
An Inferiority Complex
- Sept. 1:** Luke 14:1,7-14
Your Place at the Table
- Sept. 8:** Jeremiah 18:1-11
As Workable as Clay
- Sept. 15:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17
What a Disciple Looks Like
- Sept. 22:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19
A Contented Life
- Sept. 29:** Luke 16:19-31
The Parable of the Six Brothers



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.waumc.org.

Our Church Family

Recent surgery...

Nancy Bauer-King, Lois Corbett, Jeannette Fugina, Adele Hahn, Bruce Peterson, Carol Smith

In special care...

Bill Slaybaugh

Recently hospitalized...

Dottie Josef, Merle Langsten, Danielle Lennie

We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Katelyn Elizabeth Smith & Daniel John Smith, children of Nicole & Ryan Smith on August 18

We rejoice in the birth of...

Ivy Jean, to Tasha & Scott Tyrriver, on June 13.

Our sympathy to...

The family of Bob Wierman, who passed away July 1

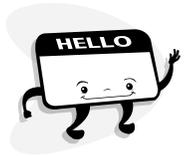


Sound Board Tech Training

We are currently looking for a few more people to learn how to run sound for our 9:45 service. Free training provided. No experience needed. See Colin Donahue at the sound board any Sunday morning for more information.

Nametag Reminder

Please remember to put on your nametags every Sunday. They will help us to connect and will give newcomers among us a chance to get acquainted.



Music & Worship Conference

I want to thank Rev. Bauer-King and the congregation for supporting my participation in the conference in PA. It was a wonderful, transforming experience for me. The conference began on Monday morning with a presentation by Rev. Jim Walker who talked about his life and ministry. In his life's journey, he was led to using theatre to affect people's lives and lead them to experience the presence of God. This talk set the tone for the purpose of arts in Christian worship. The arts are not just entertainment, rather the arts in worship are supposed to bring people closer to God.

During the week, I participated in variety of worship services where I was able to experience God's presence through the arts. From my perspective, the conference had many transformative musical experiences in which I participated. One of the highlights included worshipping at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh where the sanctuary had 14 Tiffany windows and a marvelous pipe organ.

It is difficult to know exactly how congregations are affected by the music offered by its musicians. I heard a sermon given in which the preacher described his experience as a teenager searching for his life's direction and purpose. He talked about hearing a concert at a church given by the St. Olaf College Choir. After hearing the concert, he was directed to a field of service to God and ultimately to minister in the United Methodist Church. For a personal example, a young 16-year-old high school girl heard the first concert on the new WAUMC Shantz organ and her life was directed to service of God. I thank the congregation for their dedication to sustaining a vibrant arts program in worship. —Martha Aslakson, your organist

*To my friends at WAUMC,
Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts. I couldn't think of a better way to remember my time with all of you! Thank you for all of your support and I pray for WAUMC's continued ministry in the Wauwatosa community. Thank you so much!
—Kristin Weber*

Ingathering – Back to School

Please help kids get a good start at school by bringing breakfast items and bag lunch items. Pick up a second item for the pantry when you shop. Put your nonperishable, good condition food gifts in the grocery cart at the bottom of the central stairs, and we will take the food to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry at St. Bernard's. Gifts in the offering plate marked for Ingathering will go to The Hunger Task Force or local pantries and meal programs. Thank you!



Sandwich Service Project



Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays September 21 and October 19. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on those Saturdays at our church to make peanut butter sandwiches, bag cookies and carrots or fruit, and pack the lunches. Some of us will take the lunches to St. James Church at 8th and Wisconsin. Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 so she can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. We especially need fruit, cookies and workers. See also the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Co-sponsored by Church & Society.

St. Benedict's Meal Program

September 1:

Pick up plastic buckets to make JELLO fruit salad for the St. Benedict's Meal Program. We provide the recipe. Or sign up to bring a gallon of 1% milk.

September 8:

Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

September 10:

JELLO fruit salad and milk served to 400-500 hungry people at St. Benedict's, along with food provided by other groups.

September 29:

The next JELLO bucket Sunday.

Save a Life! Donate Blood! Blood Center Faces Shortage for Labor Day Weekend

The need for blood donations increases during the summer months and holidays. Over 800 donors are needed daily to keep up with the needs of patients in our area. Go to www.bcw.edu or call 1-800-BE-A-HERO or 1-877-232-4376 to make an appointment at one of nine (9) local Blood Center of Wisconsin sites. Use the same contacts for more information, including eligibility questions.

Join Bishop Jung on a Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine

I hope you will join me and bring people from your congregation to a Holy Land experience I am sponsoring entitled "Holy Land, Holy People." We depart from Chicago on February 13, 2014.

Studying the Bible is not merely an armchair exercise. While most people are eager to "walk where Jesus walked" 2,000 years ago, it is just as important, if not more so, to walk where Jesus is walking today. This journey is rich with exploration of archaeological sites and learning about biblical history that will help you contextualize the life of Jesus and his ministry. In addition, we will include visits with people who can help us understand recent developments in Israel, Palestine and Jordan. Every disciple of Jesus whether lay or clergy is encouraged to make the pilgrimage to the land of the Bible a priority.

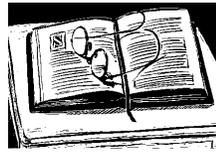
I hope you can join me as we explore the people and the land where the Judeo-Christian faith was born. If you have questions about the trip, please email the trip coordinator, Rev. Forrest Wells, at frwells@wisconsinumc.org.

Help Needed

As part of the 165th anniversary year of our church, we will be audio taping interviews with some of our long-time members. If you would like to help with the interviews, and/or if you have a digital recorder we could use, please contact Carolyn Dressler, HOCAD@att.net or 414-453-0666.

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class will meet at a new time, 9:00-9:40am. Beginning Sunday, September 8th, and each Sunday until October 6th, Dr. Jack Kaufman will lead a class



entitled "Embracing Interfaith Cooperation," based on a DVD study with Eboo Patel and Tim Scorer. Scorer led Embracing an Adult Faith with Marcus Borg, done at WAUMC a few years ago. Interfaith commentator Eboo Patel believes religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division. He explores what it means to be "literate" about other faiths, how interfaith cooperation "works" and "why," the skills needed for interfaith cooperation, and the significant role that our institutions can play in this process. The class will be held in room 4.

Confirmation Plans

Our Confirmation classes will soon be starting. We will meet generally every other Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Confirmation Room, 3rd floor. If you have an 8th grader in your household and you have not heard about this new class schedule, or were not a part of the parents/youth planning meeting in early summer, please contact Natalie so that we can make sure you are included in our class roster. Classes will be held:

Sept. 4, 18	Jan. 8, 22
Oct. 2, 16, 30	Feb. 5, 19, 26
Nov. 6, 20	March 12, 26
Dec. 4	April 2, 9, 30

Confirmation Sunday will be May 4, at the 9:45am worship service.

Reminder: The Milwaukee Jewish Museum visit has not been scheduled at this time. The information for this trip will be given out at our first confirmation meeting. On our trip we will have a guided tour, learning more about Judaism, Jewish culture and how the Jewish community formed in Milwaukee. Any parents are welcome to accompany us.

3rd Grade Bible Distribution

On September 8, all third graders will be receiving a Bible as a gift from the church. If you have a third grader and have not received a letter regarding bible distribution, please contact Natalie as soon as possible. If you have received a letter, please make sure to return the bottom portion indicating that you will attend the September 8th worship service at 9:45am and how you would like your child's name printed in the Bible.



Senior High Youth

The senior high class will no longer be meeting on Sunday morning during worship. We are going to meet on Sunday evenings, once a month, from 6:30-8:00pm. We will meet as a group for a time of fellowship, discussions and social events. Our first meeting will be on September 8. If you are interested in attending please contact Natalie for more information. We will meet: September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8. We will plan the rest of the year based on what the group would like to see.



Acolytes Needed

Our acolytes have taken a break from the summer, and we would like to once again have them with us in the fall to help us begin worship. Their function is to symbolically carry the light of God into our midst. If someone in your household is in grade 4-8, and would like to serve the church in this way, we would welcome their participation. We will include them in the rotation of the acolytes so that they will know ahead of time what Sunday they are serving. In addition, Pastor Sue will ask those acolytes who are comfortable, to be the microphone bearers — carrying the mike to various people in the sanctuary during the joys and concerns time. Pastor Sue will be sending an e-mail out to those who have served in the past, as well as to incoming fourth graders, to begin to set up the schedule. If your child is interested, and they have not been an acolyte before, please contact Sue and she will set up a time to train any new acolytes.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study resumes weekly on Tuesday, September 3, at 9am. We usually watch a DVD for about 15-20 minutes, followed discussion questions in an associated study book. Past subjects have been the development of the New Testament canon, Genesis, Martin Luther, and reviews of both the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament, presented by scholars such as Bart Ehrman, Amy-Jill Levine and Gary Rendsberg. Our upcoming study will be "Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God," a DVD study led by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Following this 12-session discussion, we will study the Book of Revelation, also with a DVD format. All men from the congregation/ friends are invited. Try it, you'll like it!

Sermon Talkback

At the suggestion of a group of people who gathered to discuss adult education in the life of our church, Pastor Sue is going to begin a sermon talkback. She will gather with anybody who would like to discuss the sermon, right in the sanctuary after the service. The conversation will only last 15 minutes or so, to enable people to not miss out on refreshments in Fellowship Hall! The first talkback will be September 22 right after the second service.

Family Movie Discussion Guide

Pastor Sue has created a discussion guide for the new movie *Planes*. You will find it posted on our church webpage.



Ole Keene Primary School Library

We wish to thank everyone for your very generous gift to establish a library at the Ole Keene School in Nkoirero village in Kenya. Our mission was a huge success. We were able to build and apply finish to three reading tables, six benches, and two book cases. Since there is no electricity for lights, we installed two roof sky lights. The children are thrilled and say, "Asante sana na Mungu awabariki nyote." (Thank you all and may God bless you.) A very special thank you to all the teens that made over 200 beaded bracelets for the Ole Keene school children. They loved them.

— Bruce & Sallie Peterson

2013 CROP Hunger Walk

It is time to plan for the 2013 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 13, at Milwaukee's Lakefront (McKinley Marina). Registration begins at 1:30pm and the walk begins at 2:00 pm. There are two different distance options, 2 miles or 5 miles. 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.

School Supplies

Now is a great time to buy school supplies to donate. We will be filling school bags for the conference ingathering and will be collecting school supplies for United Methodist Children's Services.



For our mission school bags we need:

- spiral notebooks
- 12 inch rulers with metric
- 24 packs of Crayola crayons
- blunt school scissors
- 1" x 2" erasers
- enclosed pencil sharpeners

School supplies may be left in the blue bin near the grocery cart.

We also need volunteers to sew school bags. Thanks to a generous donation from Lois Corbett's friend, we have plenty of fabric you can use. Contact Carolyn Dressler at HOCAD@att.net for fabric and a pattern.

Mark Your Calendar

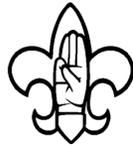
Our next Souper Sunday will be **Oct. 6**, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, featuring four homemade soups and homemade desserts. Watch for upcoming announcements.



News From Troop 21

Summer Camp 2013

Troop 21 has held our summer camp at the DNR Jag Lake Group Campsite for the past 45 continuous years. This year, 45 Scouts and 33 adults attended summer camp at Loch Jag on June 22-29.



Camp was held much earlier this summer to prevent a conflict with our Scouts attending the National BSA Jamboree in July. Scouts completed 26 ranks and 109 merit badges. The weather was great and the Scouts participated in a Scottish Highlands camp theme with all participants wearing kilts. Each patrol of Scouts wore a different pattern of tartan plaid. Many of the adult staff also wore kilts. All camp games were related to Scotland and their traditional Highlands games, including a large amount of Haggis "used" on Friday. Overall it was a great summer camp with lots of fun. Troop 21 has added a theme to camp as a way of making things fun and the camp different year-to-year.

2013 National BSA Jamboree

Nine Troop 21 Scouts and one adult attended the National Jamboree, as part of the Milwaukee area contingent. This was the first National BSA Jamboree held at the new national high adventure camp in West Virginia, called "The Summit." They toured the east coast first and then spent 9 days in the Jamboree camp. Approximately 30,000 Boy and Venture Scouts attended this event.

Camp Ammon, The Wis. State Fair Service Camp

Camp Ammon is a co-ed Scout camp at the Wisconsin State Fair and is the last remaining State Fair youth service camp. Boy and Girl Scouts attend this service camp for the entire 12 days of the Wisconsin State Fair. Ten Troop 21 Scouts and three adults attended Camp Ammon this year.

Eagle Scout Service Projects

Three Troop 21 Scouts have completed their Eagle Scout service/leadership project so far this year, plus there are six more projects in planning stage. Ben Halligan constructed a red brick paver walkway at the Wauwatosa Historical Society grounds. Paul Gagne restored an outdoor secure patient use courtyard at the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex, and WAUMC member Davis Marklin stripped, sanded, stained and re-finished all 8 outside doors in the church courtyard on Wauwatosa Avenue.

K'n'K

This social group was started years ago by married couples looking for fellowship. It is now made up of couples and singles.



We meet the second Saturday of the month with varied programs. K'n'K is having its September "Indian Adventure" gathering at the home of Karen & Mo Thaker (1035 Lafayette Ct., Brookfield) at 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 14. It will be a potluck, with ethnic dishes welcomed if desired. Please RSVP to Karen at 262-786-9477 or at kthaker@wi.rr.com with your names and the dish you wish to bring.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women have as their purpose to be a community of women who strive to know God, and to expand concepts of mission through participating in the global ministries of the church. All women are welcome. There are three circles.



United Methodist Women

Circle 1 meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the church library. They have interesting, informative programs on a variety of subjects. Call Barbara Heckenbach at 414-453-8603 for information.

Circle 2 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Wesley Hall. They will be using a study book. Call Jean Nelson at 262-784-8979.

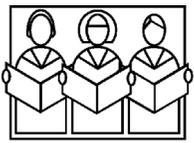
Circle 3 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in the church library. They also will be using a study book. Call Barb Kamerling at 262-781-8619.

Also, we have two luncheons a year—one in the fall and one in the spring. These are open to all.

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.

Pull Up a Chair and Join the Chancel Choir



There are plenty of chairs available for our Wednesday evening rehearsals of Chancel choir. If you love to sing, pray and enjoy the fellowship of others, then we have a seat for you. Whether you read music well, or just follow the dots on the page, there is a place for you. We need all voices but particularly are looking for a few male voices to join the group. Rehearsals are from 7:30 P.M. to approximately 8:45 most weeks. We understand that sometimes people have to be away either on Wednesday or Sunday and we try to make adjustments for that.

We are planning to start the choir year with a potluck on Wednesday, August 28, at 6:30 P.M. in Wesley Hall. Table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. If you are unable to join us for dinner, we will begin rehearsal at approximately 7:30.

AGAPE Starts September 4th!

Rehearsals will start for our Praise Team on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00. Agape's focus is more on the contemporary side of the worship music spectrum. Vocal arrangements will range from unison to three part singing. We participate in the 9:45 blended service every month (one to three times a month) which includes special themed music services such as Jazz Sunday and Country/Folk Sunday. Agape also shares music as part of our "Coffee House" Concert Series. In addition, many Agape members continue to share music over the summer months as part of our Summer Music Schedule. We are currently accepting new members, singers and instrumentalists. Our strongest need right now is for an electric bass player. Please contact Tim Karth for more information at tim.karth@sbcglobal.net or call the church and leave a message in the music office.

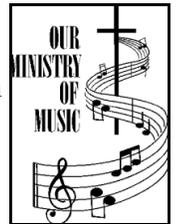
Summer Music Ministry

A great big thank you to all the people who shared their musical gifts throughout the summer. Our worship services were enriched because your talents could be shared with the congregation. Throughout these summer weeks those musicians included:

Heather Pulkowski, Vocal Tapestry, Eric & Logan Brown, Joseph Brachmann, Tyler Pease, Agape, Marion Sodnik, "Walk-In" Choir, Lois Nugent, Mark Vollmers, Martha Aslakson, Sue Burwell, Janet Smith, Kari Karth, Tristan Almazan, Nancy Clarkin, Wendy Kamerling, Joelle Karth, Tess Vollmers, Tim Karth, the Justham Family, Red Letter Edition, Bill Armstrong. And, a big thank-you for Tim Karth and Wendy Kamerling who helped create the summer special music schedule.

Our Choirs Return and You're Invited

Please look over our choir rehearsals and plan to come and join in the fun of praising God and sharing community with other musicians.



Cherub Choir: 4K, 5K, 1st Grades
Amanda Prosser, Director –
amandalprosser@gmail.com

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 11
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Troubadour Choir: 2nd - 5th Grades
Susan Watson, Director – littlemomelt@yahoo.com
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 11
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Youth Ensemble: Grade 6 and up
Susan Watson, Director – littlemomelt@yahoo.com
Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 15
5:30 - 6:30pm

Agape Praise Team: High School and up
Tim Karth, Director – tim.karth@sbcglobal.net
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4
7:00 - 7:40 pm

Tower Bells: High School and up
Martha Aslakson, Director – maslakson1@wi.rr.com
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir: High School and up
Sheila Feay-Shaw, Director – feayshaw@uwm.edu
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28
7:30 - 8:50 pm

Get information about any of the choirs before and after the 9:45 service on **September 8 in Fellowship Hall.**

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Penny Challenge



During the month of September, children in our church school will be collecting pennies for Habitat for Humanity. Since 1984, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity has tithed ten percent of all unrestricted funds to support Habitat for Humanity International's global mission to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness. Over their 29-year history, more than \$1.9 million has been pledged to international Habitat affiliates,



helping over 600 families to achieve safe, decent housing. Milwaukee Habitat has created a "See the Change" Two Million Penny Challenge, money which will go to their global partners. Our church members and friends are invited to help the children of the church collect pennies from September 8 until October 7, World Habitat Day. We will have little cardboard Habitat collection banks for anyone who would like them on September 8 and our rolling "collection house" will regularly be in the sanctuary on Sundays to collect any pennies you have when you are in worship.