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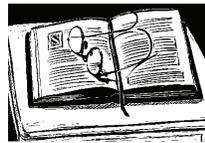


Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. On this day we take the time to reflect upon our mortality as well as recognize the ways we have become separated from God. A service of worship will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at

7pm, which will include two short dramas about staying connected to God, “Fast Food Faith” and “Empty Word Detector.” We will also share communion, and offer the imposition of ashes. Ashes are a sign of our repentance and our mortality and being marked with ashes can be a humbling experience, as a reminder we are mortal beings. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads will be an option for those who may find it meaningful. Please know that you need not participate in this aspect of the service if it is not comfortable for you. In preparation for the service, you may want to read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-23. Also, feel free to pick up a copy of *The Sanctuary for Lent* daily devotional book, in the baskets close to the sanctuary and chapel. These little books can fit easily in pocket, for daily reading. Regular print versions are 50 cents and large-print editions will also be available for \$1.40.

Lenten Study

Please consider joining a small group for an Advent Study focused on the book *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* by Robert Schnase. The six-week study will begin the week of March 13. The cost of the book is \$8.00.



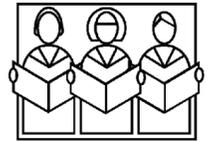
Sign up sheets for all small group sessions will be available in Wesley Hall between services on both February 27 and March 6. If you are interested in leading a small group, please contact Wendy Kamerling at wkamerling@wi.rr.com.

Lenten Cantata April 3

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Man of Sorrows, King of Glory, Lord of Life!

Music by Lloyd Larson, Orchestration by Brant Adams
Presented by the Chancel Choir with Chamber Orchestra



If Jesus asked you the question “Who do you say that I am?,” what would your answer be? He posed the question, and many responded. Jesus had a life-changing impact on the lives of those he met, and those whom he did not meet, but who believed. He was *Messiah, Emmanuel, gifted teacher, Lamb of God, Lord of Life, Son of God.*

This question continues to demand a response from believers, seekers and doubters today. Who is Christ in your life, someone to embrace or one to reject? This musical work integrates the voices of six individuals who met Christ and faced this question. You will hear thoughts from John, Peter, Mary, Pontius Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea and Mary Magdalene. Each musical piece is based on a Biblical text which raises the many names and ideas which can help us to answer this question for ourselves.

The composer has written:

It is my prayer that this work will encourage choirs and congregations to reaffirm their belief in and devotion to Christ or, perhaps for the first time, to take a stand under that banner of the Christian faith. As you experience the story of grace and sacrificial love through this work, may your response to the claims of Christ echo the response of the Roman officer standing near the cross as Jesus died: ‘Truly, this was God’s Son!’

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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

Kristin Weber

Director of Christian Education

Monday - Thursday • 9:00-4:00

Jodie Hunt

Church Administrator

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

Marge Shantz

Office Assistant

Wednesday • 9:00-2:00 Thursday • 9:00-12:00

Jackie Onan

Financial Secretary

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

Joelle Karth

Music Coordinator

Dr. Sheila Feay-Shaw

Chancel Choir Director/Agape Accompanist

Tim Karth

Agape Praise Team Director

Martha Aslakson • Janet Smith

Organist/Pianist

Genevieve Jorn

Cherub Choir Director

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir Director

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Mary Reina

P.E.P. Director

Don Truman • John Goldmann

Custodians

**2010
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Deadlines**



March 15 - April (Easter)

August 2 - September (Fall Start Up)

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 it in to: Penny McCanles, 414-453-5337, or Jodie Hunt, 414-453-0700.

Every Monday, the people on the prayer chain relay these concerns down the "chain."

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.



After lots of cloudy, grey, cold days, it's easy to turn down invitations to go out, preferring to stay comfortable in the recliner. Some of the people in my water aerobics class have admitted lately that we would just as soon be taking a nap, as making our way to a pool. Yet, whenever we get to the class, we seem to forget our hibernating tendencies, and enjoy the music and each other's company.

I'm a big proponent of the differences community can make in our lives. Community connects us with people whose relationships with us may be life-changing. Those relationships move us out of ourselves and give us an awareness of the larger world. And, in the middle of the winter, it's awfully good to remind ourselves of those kinds of benefits.

For me, one of the blessings of moving back to the Milwaukee area, has been to reconnect with friendships from twenty-five years ago. One of those relationships was someone I worked with when I first came to Wisconsin, Dick Truitt, who was the lead pastor and I was the associate in West Bend. In the summer of 2008, Dick welcomed me back and helped me get settled in the Tosa Avenue parsonage kitchen. Since then, I've enjoyed some great times together. And the last few months I've been with Dick and his family as he moved towards his death. I wouldn't have missed being present with them for anything—cooking a meal here and there, remembering events of the past—it was such a gift.

I share that story to once again bring to mind an awareness of the community function of the church. There are people in every church who care about one another, who are thrilled to enjoy the good times, but who also count it as a privilege to walk through the rougher times together. Every single day in the life of the church, I know that we have people whose life covers the spectrum from very joyful, to someone who is really struggling. We celebrate new births, weddings, job advancements, joys, while at the same time, someone among us is dealing with sickness, divorce, loss of jobs, sorrows. When times are good, it may be easier to think about heading off to church, yet the reality is that when times are tough, the

community of people at the church may provide some caring we could very much use. It may be the place you really need to be.

I remember someone once saying that they had stayed away from church for awhile, because things were not going well in their life. And, the Sunday they chose to come to church, they met a friend at Fellowship Hour, and found out that both of them had been going through similar tough times. It was comforting to be able to share with a kindred soul.

We all experience, at one time or another, what Garrison Keillor calls the "sub-zero nights of the soul." It's a part of the human experience, yet it's not the only part of our life's experience. And whatever our situation, there's probably somebody among us who has had similar joys and struggles, who could be supportive of us in our sub-zero times.

If this is a sub-zero day for you, here's a story from a recent Sunday morning children's time, which may brighten your spirits. It was the day of the big Packers/Bears game. I was handing out little slips of paper to the children, to have them help me distribute the slips among the congregation. They were Packers Gold, with the words "God Loves You" on one side. I was trying to help the children guess what might be written on the papers, and pointed out the color of the paper, that this was the day of the game, and that there was something written on the back of the slip that started with "G." I was thinking someone would easily come up with "Go Packers," which eventually did happen. But the first response was from one child who guessed the word to be "Jesus." Obviously, it elicited lots of laughter from the congregation. You know, he was right at one level—when it comes to phonics, the sound you make, saying "Jesus" DOES start with a "G" sound. It wasn't the answer I was looking for, but one which certainly lightened our hearts. That's something we can all use here and there to warm our souls.

Our sympathy to...

the family of Norma Poling who passed away November 29

the family of Vi White who passed away January 3



We rejoice in the baptism of...

Elise Eileen Apollo, daughter of Erin & Antoni, on November 28

WAUMC Blood Drive

The WAUMC Blood Drive for Sarah Pease is Saturday, **March 12**, from 9am to 2pm. There will be a sign up sheet in Wesley Hall or you can go online to www.bcw.edu/sarahp to schedule an appt. Our goal is to collect blood from 42 donors. Contact Heidi Martin at 414-476-4613 for more information.

Memorial Foundation Scholarship

Our Wauwatosa Avenue UMC Memorial Foundation administers a scholarship program. These scholarships are available annually, and can be awarded to members of our church who are either graduating high school seniors continuing their education, or someone working on advanced degrees. They must be enrolling at an accredited four year college, university, or technical school. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of academics (30%), community service (15%), service to the church (15%), moral character (20%), and financial need (20%). This fund was established a number of years ago, within our Memorial Foundation. Members of our church are welcome to make contributions to this fund, so that more students can be supported. (Contact Dick Corbett for more information at 414-321-2121.) If you, or someone you know would like to apply for a scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year, applications with instructions can be picked up at the church office or found on-line at the church website: www.waumc.org. The applications are due back in the church office by Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

Feb. 6: *Salty Christians*
Matthew 5:13-16; Colossians 4:2-6

Feb. 13: *Choosing Life*
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Feb. 20: *The Retaliation Response*
Matthew 5:38-48

Feb. 27: *Judging the Judges*
Corinthians 4:1-5

March 6: Jazz Sunday

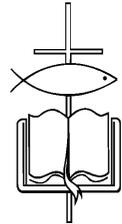
March 9: Ash Wednesday
A Time to Reconnect
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 13: *So, What's the Temptation Here?*
Genesis 2:15-27; 3:1-7

March 20: *Today Can Be Your Birthday*
John 3:1-17

March 27: *The Plague That Spreads*
Exodus 17:1-17

April 3: Chancel Choir Cantata



Remembrance Memorials List

In 2010, church members, former church members, or constituents and friends of the church who have been remembered through memorial gifts to our church were:

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| Betty Burton | Chuck Narwold |
| Gretchen DeGarmo | Carl Nowicki |
| Kay Dings | Norma Poling |
| Elizabeth Erickson | Les Roberts |
| Polly Hamann | John Rohde |
| Tom Howard | Byron White |
| Clarence Kelly | Vivian White |

A bequest was received from the estate of Margaret Wells.

The Memorial Foundation of our church wishes to thank all of those persons who have made memorial gifts to our church in the past. They encourage people to consider making a memorial gift to the church in the future and to remember the church in their trusts.

UM Summer Camps are back!



Don't have your summer plans yet? Check out the huge selection of UM Summer Camps! Camps cater to a variety of interests including horseback riding, hanging out at the beach, music, arts, and drama. There are camps available for every age group including families. For more information, please see the bulletin board outside of Kristin's office or log on to www.WIUMCamps.org.

Appalachia Service Project Youth Mission Trip 2011



I am pleased to tell you that our youth will be working with the Appalachia Service Project for our 2011 Mission Trip!! ASP serves central Appalachia where Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia come together. In this area, poverty is more than double the national average, one in four people live below the poverty level, 62,500 homes are substandard, 19,000 homes lack adequate kitchens, 21,000 homes lack complete plumbing, and nearly half of the families have an annual income below \$20,000. Our work with ASP will focus on making one of these homes "warmer, drier, and safer."

We will be traveling June 12-18. Home repairs range from dry walling and framing to roofing, siding and painting. We are still in need of some funds to help cover the cost of transportation and building materials. If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact Kristin. Please keep your eyes and ears open for bulletin, email, tower, and Sunday morning announcements outlining more opportunities to support the youth on their ASP Trip.

Church Library Update

Lenten/Easter Season

There will be a special collection of books on display for this season. You're invited to discover the library selection and choose from titles designed for children and adults.



New Books

Recently acquired books for general reading include:

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The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness
by Karen Armstrong, c.2004

973/Fei

America's Prophet: Moses and American Story
by Bruce Feiler, c.2009

And Books for Children:

231/Ben

The Children's Book of Faith
by William J. Bennett, c.2004

333.72/Win

Wangart's Trees of Peace
by Jeanette Winter, c.2008

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One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Difference

by Katie Smith Milway, c.2008

Report from the Reading Program for United Methodist Women

The program is doing well. Eight women turned in their lists with several reading two or three from each category. The new reading list for 2011 is in the Library. Pick up a copy if you like. There is now a fifth category - Leadership Development, but the requirement is still four books from different groups. Even if you don't feel you can read four books, we encourage you to read one or two because there are wonderful selections. We will be adding to our collection soon.



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Women

St. Ben's Jello Bucket Sunday January 30

On January 30, pick up a plastic bucket to make jello fruit salad for the St. Benedict's Meal Program. We'll provide the recipe. The following Sunday, Feb. 6, return the full bucket to the main kitchen. On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the jello fruit salad will be served to 500 hungry people at St. Ben's, along with food provided by other groups.

February 27 and April 3 will be the next jello bucket Sundays.

Sandwich Service Project Dates Co-Sponsors Requested

Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays February 19, March 19 and April 16. We would like a co-sponsoring group for February and April. The Disciple III class is taking March 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 Wesley Hall. Co-sponsored by Church & Society.

Local Food Pantries See Increased Need in Winter



The need for food for the hungry increases over the winter months as families stretch their limited budgets to provide warm shelter and clothing. You can help by bringing non-perishable foods 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. Protein items such as canned dinners, tuna, peanut butter, spam, etc. are in particular need. Gifts in the offering plate marked for *Ingathering* will go to The Hunger Task Force or local pantries. Thank you!

A Letter from Santa

A letter from Santa Claus was received at Church! He wrote, "*Many thanks to your Mitten Tree givers. The joy on the children's faces when they opened their packages was wonderful to behold.*" We of Church and Society add our heartfelt thanks for your marvelous generosity.



Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the children's clothing drive, whether warm clothes or home-made hats, scarves and mittens.

Pre-owned Christmas Cards Needed for Mitten Tree Project

Rather than throwing out the Christmas cards you received this year, please turn them in to the volunteer office. We will use them to decorate the mittens for next year's tree. Thanks again!

*Hello church family,
We would like to invite you all to consider another way to participate in supporting Sarah Pease in addition to or as an alternative to the other fabulous ideas that have already been brought forth. Some of you may not be able to donate blood like myself, but what I and some of you may want to do with us, is run for the cause in support for Sarah and the fight for a cure. My husband and I are avid runners and enter races for fun and like to do it for a cause other than fitness. Last year I ran a 1/2 marathon and my goal this year is to finish the Chicago Marathon in October. We have formed a team in Sarah's honor named "Support for Sarah" to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma*

*Society. If you are a runner and would like to join the team (doesn't have to be the Marathon... any race to show support is appreciated) and/or you would like to sponsor the team in the race for a cure, you can do so at the following link: <http://wi.tnt.llsevent.org/runforacure>. Sponsoring the team is easy, just go to the website and pledge to give whatever dollar amount you like i.e. \$1 per mile (a marathon is 26 miles), \$5, \$10, \$100, whatever you want to give to this important cause. Thank you kindly for your support as our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah and we are in her corner for this fight to the finish line! God bless,
Andrea and Noah Zimmerman*

P.E.P. Adult Center



February 18: Day Trip of Milwaukee Highlights. Join step-on guide, Gary, from Historic Milwaukee and explore Brewers' Hill.

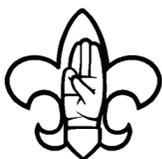
Weather won't matter, as we stay on the bus the entire time, until lunch at Eddie Martini's. Trip is limited to 32 passengers. 10:00 am departure, expected return 1:00 pm. Reservations, lunch selection and payment due by February 11 to Mary Reina. \$36 members/\$39 guests includes transportation, guided tour, lunch and gratuity.

March 4: Wellness Center with Brigid Riordan, RN at 10:00 am. Program at 10:30 am. President Abraham and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln will visit us, with a program prepared especially for P.E.P. Meet the first couple as they share a rare view of their lives together, their insights into the Civil War and much more. 11:30 am Bending with Brigid. Lunch at noon: Hearty Chicken Soup, hot buttermilk biscuits, relish tray with dip and jello for dessert. RSVP to Mary Reina by March 3. \$6 members/\$8 guests.

News from Troop 21

New Boy Scouts Welcome

Any young man presently in the 5th grade, or any boys older, can join Boy Scouts. New Boy Scouts do not have to have been active in Cub Scouting to become a Boy Scout. In the past Troop 21 has had members join as late as age 16. Additionally, this time of the year is when 5th grade boys visit Boy Scout Troops in preparation to joining in February and March. Any boy interested in Boy Scouting is welcome to visit a Troop 21 meeting on any Tuesday evening or contact Scoutmaster Steve Weber at 414-771-3228. Troop 21 is sponsored by the WAUMC and has 70 youth members. Anyone interested should just stop by for a visit.



Scout Sunday



Scout Sunday at WAUMC is Sunday, February 13. All Girl Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and all adults who were Scouts are encouraged

to proudly wear their uniforms or Scouting pins to church on Scout Sunday. How many of you mom's and dad's can find your Scout pins? Additionally, Boy Scout Troop 21 will serve a free pancake breakfast starting immediately after the 8:15 am service and concluding at 12 noon. All church members are invited and yes it is FREE. The Boy Scouts will be seeking assistance from Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts for the flag ceremony and serving the breakfast. This event is Troop 21's way of thanking the congregation for sponsoring Troop 21 for 88 continuous years! This event will be held in the newly expanded Wesley Hall. To accommodate large groups, we have opened the wall between Wesley Hall and the Senior High Youth Room, significantly expanding this space. We thank the Senior High Youth Group for donating their space for the next few months as Fellowship Hall is remodeled.

K'n'K

Our next meeting will be February 12 at 5:30 in Wesley Hall with our famous Chili Dump. We will learn about the history of Valentine's Day. Come and join us for a wonderful evening. Please put us on your calendar

Circle 1

Circle #1 will meet Saturday, February 19, at 10 a.m. in the Church Library. Audrey Arndt, hostess.



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins March 13. Be sure to turn your clocks forward the night before.

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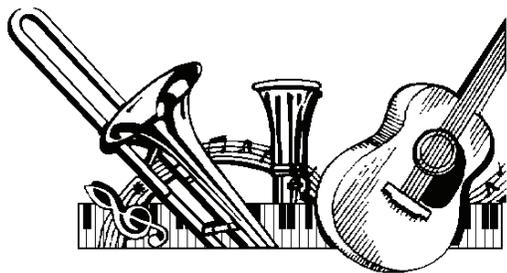
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Jazz Sunday

Sunday, March 6

9:45 am