

The Tower

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For more than 100 years, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been an important expression of ecumenical activity in our communities. This week is typically observed towards the end of January. We are doing our part this year, by offering opportunities for people from our congregation to get to know people from Trinity Episcopal Church—our neighbors at 1717 Church Street. On Sunday, January 29, Pastor Sue and The Rev. Gary Manning will be exchanging pulpits for our worship services. Then at our fellowship hour, which is a “Souper Sunday,” Trinity folks will be coming over to join us for lunch. We will have an informal time to share around tables in our Fellowship Hall, and just get better acquainted. The following Sunday, February 5, we are invited to Trinity’s fellowship hall, following our late service, for lunch and conversation. On both of those Sundays, we ask participants to not just sit with people from their home church, otherwise we will limit the ecumenical spirit of the gathering! Free-will offerings will be taken on both of those Sundays, to cover the cost of the meals.



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,

February 22, at 7pm. The sermon that night (“Confession: A New Take on an Old Rite”) will be based on Psalm 51:1-17, and will be introduced by a short drama, “If the Truth Be Known.” We will also share communion and provide 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. 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 your pocket for daily reading. Regular print versions are 75¢ and large-print editions will also be available for \$1.75.

Lenten Cantata - March 11

The Chancel Choir will be sharing a new cantata based on early American songs—hymns, spirituals and folksongs, *The Song Everlasting* by Joseph Martin. Filled with time-honored tunes and texts, the music will be interspersed with the story of Christ’s ministry among us. The *Song Everlasting* is divided into three suites of music which outline the themes of Ministry, Humility and Victory is the life of Christ. This approach to the work reflects the meaning present in Jesus time among the early Christians, and the ideals we carry forth to this day. Our choir will be accompanied by instrumentalists. Mark your calendar and plan to be with us on this Sunday as we hear some tunes that sound familiar, as well as others that may be new to our ears.



Jazz Sunday - February 19

Jazz Sunday this year will feature a wide variety of music from many different ensembles. Troubadour Choir will share "Sing, Sing, Sing." The Agape men will present a unique version of "Amazing Grace" inspired by the Blind Boys of Alabama. Our combo will share selections from the "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio" by Claude Bolling, featuring Joelle Karth on flute and our good friend Mark Mrozek on piano. Of course, we will have all your favorite hymns with a little jazz twist and a few other surprises. Won't you come and join us on this musical road trip... we may have to re-name it this year to "Not-Just-Jazz Sunday."

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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

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 • Janet Smith

Organist/Tower Bells Director Pianist

Genevieve Jorn

Cherub Choir Director

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir Director

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Mary Reina

P.E.P. Director

Don Truman

Custodian

**2012
Tower
Deadlines**



March 6 - April (Easter)

May 15 - June (Summer)

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.



I know I will show my age with this story, but as a child I can remember riding in our neighbor's old Ford Model A car. They kept this antiquated car in the barn and used it to get to the back forty on their farm. It was wonderful fun for me, not only because the car was so old and was never driven on the highway anymore, but as we putt-putted down the lane, I could look down and see the road beneath our feet through the rusted out floorboard! Whatever that car's earlier life, by the 1950's, it was used only to ferry people back and forth to distant places on the farm that didn't require a tractor. I'm sure that in the Model A's prime of life, it had a much more exciting purpose, and I can only imagine the acquisition of that car for a family that may never have had an automobile before, and what a difference the car might have made in their lives.

I thought of that old car recently while reading this paragraph: *America took to the roads and never looked back. It came upon us in 1908, and it was affordable, reliable, easier than a horse and buggy to care for... and fun! That car was a boon that, like a sharp knife, cut two ways, however. It freed Americans to roam at will, thereby loosening them from the physical ties that had bound earlier generations to one place, one piece of land, one township, one schoolhouse, and one community-owned consensual illusion, of which a large component was the community church. The affordable car enabled city dwelling in a way that had not been possible for many Americans in the past. It also provided, very early, the mechanism by which what had been the Sabbath became Sunday instead. Family afternoon on Grandpa's front porch after Grandma's hearty Sabbath lunch gave way to spins out into the countryside with or without a Sunday picnic. Sabbath afternoons with one's kin gave way as well to carefully tabulated afternoon calls on friends who lived down the road a bit. Within a few decades, the Tin Lizzie and her offspring would so erode the Sabbath that Sunday would become the day for shopping, for mall visits, movies, and dozens of Little League games, not to mention a significant number of major league ones. None of this is inherently either bad or good, so much as it just is.*

What we have is a set of cultural shifts that came about, in large measure, because of a piece of technology, in this case the automobile. (The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle)

The cultural shifts that have affected our society and specifically our faith journey are too numerous to outline in a short article. But they have had something to do with the life of the church, and on into the future, whatever the church becomes, they will continue to be a part of the story.

Church historians are informing us that we are currently in a kind of "hinge" time, something that happens about every 500 years. At these transition times, the institution of the church and the long-established expressions of Christianity may no longer function in the ways they have in the past, and we may need to be open to something new that might spring forth.

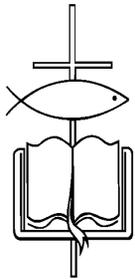
I think we can deal with the fact that the Ford Model A car may have served people well in its time, and has moved us into an age of hybrids and electric cars, and cars that will park themselves and talk to you in the process. That's absolutely incredible. What I'm not so sure about, is whether we are as comfortable thinking about what the church will look like and may need to look like in the future. I don't believe we have to try and figure out the details, for we are living in the transition time and nothing is very clear yet. I do believe though, that the more unwilling we are to let go of a past that is truly past history, the more painful these transitions will be. We may try to hang on for dear life to something we might better let go of, so something new can be born.

The good news for me, is that the same historians who describe these 500 year changes also point out that every time these changes have happened, the faith has spread and the new version of Christianity had more life than ever. That's the thought which gives me hope, and encourages me to try and keep my mind open to whatever God may be doing in our midst.



Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

- Feb. 5:** *More Things to More People*
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- Feb. 12:** *Expect Miracles*
Mark 1:40-45
- Feb. 19:** JAZZ SUNDAY
This is So Good
Mark 9:2-9
- Feb. 22:** ASH WEDNESDAY
Confession: A New Take on an Old Rite
Psalm 51:1-17
- Feb. 26:** *A Visible Reminder*
Genesis 9:8-17
- Mar. 4:** *Not What We May Have Wanted to Hear*
Mark 8:31-38
- Mar. 11:** CHANCEL CANTATA
The Law of the Lord
Psalm 19
- Mar. 18:** *The Gift of Salvation*
John 3:16-17; Eph. 2:1-10
- Mar. 25:** *Wherever He Goes, There We are*
John 12:20-26
- April 1:** PALM SUNDAY
The Hang in There Philosophy
Mark 11:1-1; Isaiah 50:4-9a



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.

Sarah's 2nd Annual Blood Drive

On Saturday, March 31, from 9am to 1:30 pm, WAUMC will hold a 2nd annual blood drive in honor of Sarah Pease in Wesley Hall. Go to www.bcw.edu/Sarah to make an appointment to donate or call Heidi Martin at 414-476-4613 and she will do it for you. More details to follow.

Lenten Study

Some of us may remember a little study book from a few years ago, *Three Simple Rules*. It was short, to the point, and packed a lot into a few chapters. Bishop Rueben P. Job, the author of that book, has written a new book *Three Simple Questions*. Once again, it's short and to the point, and has much to say. How we answer these three questions has a big impact on what we believe, how we live, and how we relate to other people. The questions are: Who is God? Who am I? Who are we together? We've chosen this book for our Lenten study and invite you to consider picking up a copy and joining the discussions.



In a time when it is more challenging to contend with our diversity, than ever before—people are polarized, and our differences sometimes become labels that keep us apart, this book may give us some guidance.

We will offer two options for discussions: Sundays at 11am (Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25) and Thursdays at 7pm (Feb. 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29). Jack Kaufman and Pastor Sue will share the teaching roles. If you would like to be a part of these classes, there is a sign-up sheet in the church office. The cost of the book is \$5.

Our Church Family

We rejoice in the baptism of...

Gabriel Bruce Donohue, son of Stephanie & Collin, on Nov. 27

Under special care...

Curt Richards

Recently hospitalized...

Donna Woleben

Recent surgery...

Diane Cairney

Our sympathy to...

The family of Elizabeth Gulley who died Dec. 22

The family & friends of Pamela Burns who died Dec. 27



What's New in the Library??

Watch for enriching additions in 2012 to the portion of the library collection devoted to prayers and meditations.

Here are the most recent titles:



223.2/Mer Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C Merrill. The very liveliness of the Psalms causes us to want to say them in our own language. Nan Merrill has done this in a labor of imagination and love.

242.2/Job When You Pray: Daily Practices for Prayerful Living by Rueben Job. The author, a retired United Methodist bishop and formerly World Editor of the Upper Room, explores this daily pattern of living a prayerful life.

242.2/Lew A Year With CS Lewis (Daily reading from his classic works) - edited by Patricia S. Klein. Following themes such as the nature of love, the existence of miracles, overcoming a devastating loss, and discovering a profound faith, Lewis offers honest insight for each day of the year.

242.8/New Celtic Prayers from Iona by Philip J. Newell. Based on the rhythms and images of Celtic oral tradition, these morning and evening prayers are a week's cycle of daily worship used by the ecumenical community of Iona, the most famous of Celtic shrines. Written in calligraphy.

Pastor Sue's Book Discussion February 19



In conjunction with a number of events going on in our community, we'll turn to a book that's been around for awhile for our next discussion—Harper Lee's American classic *To Kill a*

Mockingbird. The Milwaukee Repertory Theater will be bringing this tale to the stage, Jan. 31-March 4. In addition, the book has been chosen for Milwaukee's "The Big Read," an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. A number of events are planned in the Milwaukee area to highlight this book. This Pulitzer Prize-winning tale about innocence, tolerance, family

and the courage to live what you believe, is based on themes that remain relevant in our society today.

Pastor Sue will facilitate a discussion hour on Sunday, February 19, at 11am (east end of Fellowship Hall). Pick up a cup of coffee at Fellowship Hour and join us for a lively discussion

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 2012-2013 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 25, 2012.

Remembrance Memorials List

In 2011, church members, former church members, or constituents and friends of the church who have been remembered through memorial gifts to our church were:

Almeron Arndt	Bruce Peterson
Pamela Burns	Norma Poling
Wally Hahn	Vi White
Sarah Pease	

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.

Sandwich Service Project Dates



Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays February 18 and March 17. 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

February 5:

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.

February 12:

Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

February 14:

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

March 4:

The next JELLO bucket Sunday.

Save a life! Donate blood!

When you donate blood, you make a difference in someone's life. Nearly 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 eleven (11) local sites or for more information.

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!



Mitten Tree Thanks

Thank you to everyone who bought or donated a gift for the city children in our Mitten Tree project. The agencies, parents and children were truly grateful for your gifts. 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! Church & Society Commission.

Appalachia Service Project Youth Mission Trip 2012

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 16th-23rd. 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 me. 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.

— Kristin Weber

Youth Spaghetti Dinner



Do you love Italian food? Is it even better when you don't have to cook or clean up? Well, the youth Spaghetti Dinner is back! On Saturday, March 3, from 5pm to 7pm, our youth

will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. Come join us for spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert! All proceeds will go to benefit the 2012 Youth Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project in June. Please watch the bulletin and email announcements for more details.

Mark Your Calendar...

March 11 - We are hosting the Master Singers of Milw. at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

March 26 - Bishop's Town Hall meeting in F.H. Chance to hear from & visit with our Bishop from 7:00-8:30 pm.

News From Troop 21

Scout Sunday

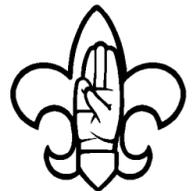
Scout Sunday at WAUMC is Sunday, February 12th. All Girl Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and all adults who were Scouts



are encouraged to proudly wear their uniforms or Scouting pins to church on Scout Sunday. How many of you moms and dads can find your Scout pins? Additionally, Boy Scout Troop 21 will serve a free pancake breakfast starting immediately after the 8 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 90 continuous years and will be held in Fellowship Hall. Remember last year when we were all crowded into Wesley Hall for this event?

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 65 youth members and we expect ten to twelve 5th graders to join in February. Anyone interested should just stop by for a visit.



Young Adults/Couples Gathering

Sunday, February 12 - Board Game Night

Babysitting will be provided. The event will be held late afternoon—time to be determined. Contact Pastor Sue if you are interested in attending

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**TIME-DATED MATERIAL
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January 27**

Fellowship Hall Lecture Series

Theme Five: Caring for Aging Parents

Date Topic

Speaker

2/9 Gerontology:

Understanding Aging

Stacey Barnes

2/16 Finding Community Resources

Stephanie Leanes, Director

Adult Day Care Center, Lutheran Home

Diane Euting, Tosa Interfaith, Vitas Hospice

2/23 Developing Advance Directives

Jaclynn Lephardt, Attorney

3/1 Supporting the Caregiver:

The Sandwich Generation

Pastor Jan Kwiatkowski

