

The Tower

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

Plan to be With Us



Milwaukee's own finger-style, acoustic guitarist, banjo player and singer, 17-year-old Macyn Taylor will take the Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church community coffee house stage at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. Admission is \$6. Taylor's

repertoire is far-ranging with selections from country, bluegrass, Celtic, traditional hymns and more. She has been playing guitar since the age of 7 when her Brownie Girl Scout troop staged a talent show at a local nursing home. In December, she earned a bachelor's degree in finger-style guitar from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she is currently pursuing a masters. "A remarkable guitarist with versatility, chops and character well beyond her age," is how writer Piet Levy described Taylor in an April 25, 2012 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article. Macyn will play the first set of the evening, followed by a split set by two acts, the Cedar River Travelers playing blues and Eric Langford playing a set of traditional music. Macyn will finish the evening with her second set.

Also, prior to the start of the entertainment, WAUMC youth will host a brat fry at 5:45 p.m. Proceeds will support their Appalachia Service Project mission trip to Kentucky in June.

Garden Celebration Sunday, June 3

The gardens offer so much to our church. They welcome visitors and provide us an opportunity to reflect and enjoy the beautiful flowers. In past years, the garden committee has had a flower sale to help support our church gardens. This year, we are trying



something new and have chosen this Sunday where we celebrate our church gardens. In worship, the service will focus on the wonders of creation and the children's story will be *The Lorax*. There will be a free will offering for the upkeep of our gardens on this day. Following worship, we will feature an activity out in the garden for children as well as adults, pending weather. Come and be with us this day as we begin summer in a fun way.

Wauwatosa 4th of July Parade

We will be participating in the Wauwatosa 4th of July parade again this year. The parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th. We are looking for approximately 15-25 people to walk in the parade and hand out candy during the parade. Everyone is welcome. Children in strollers are just fine. Please note children may not walk in the parade alone. A parent must walk with them. Parade assembly time will be between 7am and 8:15am at Mayfair Mall. The parade will step off promptly at 9am. (We are typically near the end of the parade. When we know our float number, we can give you a more accurate line-up time.) The parade ends Longfellow Middle School. The total distance is approximately 1.7 miles. If you are interested in participating with the Church, please contact Kristin. Donations of wrapped candy are welcome.



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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**



August 7 - September (Fall Start Up)

September 4 - October (All Saints/Thanksgiving)

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.

Tower Crew Leader Needed

The church is grateful to Audrey Arndt for faithfully leading our newsletter crew and handling the bulk mailing processing for the past 15 years. She would like to retire from this role. If this is something you think you might like to do, please talk to Audrey or call Jodie Hunt at church.

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.



On a recent walk, I found myself thinking about a concept that comes to us from our Hebrew roots—the idea of Dayenu.

Dayenu is a song that's sung at Passover. Dayenu means something like "it would have been enough for us." The song is about being grateful to God for all of the gifts God gave the Jewish people—the

good gift of creation, leading them out of slavery, giving them the Torah. If God had only given them one of these gifts, it would have been enough.

I find the concept of Dayenu to be very helpful, in a culture where we're always looking for the next best thing and we too often feel like something's lacking. We are more inclined to want more than we have. Somehow it's never good enough.

I first learned about Dayenu because it was included in our United Methodist confirmation curriculum probably twenty years ago. I'm sure it was there to help our young persons connect with some of their faith history, but I also think it was included to get them thinking about their expectations for life, and how they may sometimes be disappointed if their requests and hopes are not met. In the midst of those disappointments, there may be the tendency to forget all that God has lavished on us, and Dayenu—"it would have been enough" could be a great balancer for them.

The walk that stimulated my thinking was in my neighborhood. I have this great new pup to walk, whose capacity for longer walks is probably good for me too. The smells and sights of Spring are abounding and, perhaps because of the presence of a cute pup, the opportunities for conversation seem to have increased. We had wandered around that evening, enjoying just being there, and interacting with neighbors. I was very grateful for what one might call life's simple pleasures—nothing exotic or extravagant, but good gifts from God nonetheless. It was one of those "this would have been enough" days. Now, that's not to say I don't have hopes and dreams for my life, or plans for other experiences, because I always have a bucket list with some wonderful things on it. But every now and then recognizing "this would have been enough," gives me

an awareness of all that life has given to me already and a chance to be grateful.

Friends of mine shared a story with me about last summer's vacation. They were driving from Kansas to Arizona in hot July weather to visit family, and decided to camp along the way, since there were lots of scenic sites in between home and their destination. The husband got the idea of cooking supper on the manifold of the car. (He didn't tell his wife, because he knew she would say it was a crazy idea.) On the day they were driving from Kansas to New Mexico he put supper (wrapped in aluminum foil) on the manifold about 5-6 hours before they were due to stop for the day, where they were going to camp in northern New Mexico. He actually cooked while they drove! I'm told it was a mixed success. The good news was there was no fire and the venison roast came out just fine, but the sweet potatoes were a bit crunchy. He's hoping for a better outcome this year!

There may have been wonderful sights along the way on that trip, but I would imagine a highlight for the whole family, the three kids included, was Dad cooking on the manifold of the car. Just that much—could have made the trip memorable. It would have been enough. It may be one of the family stories that is told and retold for years.

As summer arrives, individuals and families may be making plans for some fun trips and experiences. Perhaps the concept of Dayenu can go with us this summer. That whatever comes our way—even if this summer's plans are for a "stay-cation," there will always be the possibility of finding in it, a chance to celebrate God's good gifts to us. Instead of being frustrated or let-down that we didn't get everything accomplished as we had hoped, or that a long-awaited trip didn't end up being all we'd expected, there were some blessings of God that were apparent along the way, if only we could have let loose of our expectations and been open to recognizing them.



Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

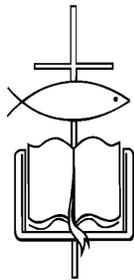
June 3: *The Garden Gift*
Genesis 2:4-9; 1:26-31

June 10: *Relative Struggles*
Mark 3:20-35

June 17: *Image Isn't Everything*
2 Samuel 15:34-16:13

June 24: *Stormy Weather*
Mark 4:35-41; Ps. 107:23-30

July 1: *ASP Sharing*
Alex & Pastor Sue - Dialogue Sermon



Please check bulletin announcements and weekly e-mails for the remainder of the sermon themes/texts for July and August. We will be trying to include some of your suggested sermon ideas from the survey on May 20th and don't have those plans all put together as of the printing of this newsletter.

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.

Pastor Sue's Book Discussion

Pastor Sue's next book discussion book will be "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. If you would like to share in our discussion, meet in the east end of Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 22nd at 11am. (The book is now out in paperback and there are quite a few copies in the county library system.) Henrietta Lacks was a mother of five in Baltimore, a poor African American migrant from the tobacco farms of Virginia, who died from a cruelly aggressive cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent as was the custom then, turned out to provide one of the holy grails of mid-century biology: human cells that could survive—even thrive—in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio. Meanwhile, Henrietta's family continued to live in poverty and frequently poor health, and their discovery decades later of her unknowing contribution—and her cells' strange survival—left them full of pride, anger, and suspicion. For a decade, Skloot doggedly but compassionately gathered the threads of these stories, slowly gaining the trust of the family while helping them learn the truth about Henrietta, and with their aid she tells a rich and haunting story that asks the questions, "Who owns our bodies? And who carries our memories?"



Greater Tosa Interfaith

Greater Tosa Interfaith would like to thank Wauwatosa Avenue UMC for its participation in their program this past year. Helping our frail older neighbors is such an important ministry. They are thankful for our ongoing financial support and the office space as they try to keep our frail older neighbors connected to a caring community.

In addition, they thank the following people from our church who served Greater Tosa Interfaith during the past year.

Jean Davidson	Ethel Klein
Barb Kamerling	Nancy Rohde
Ed Kamerling	Mary Spearo
Harry Kant	

God's blessings on all of you!

Your Church Library

Here's are some recent additions to your church library:

Borg, Marcus J.
Speaking Christian

Hays, Edward
Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim

Sparks, Rev. Susan
Laugh Your Way to Grace - Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor

Tarr-Wheelan, Linda
Women Lead the Way - Your Guide to Stepping Up to Leadership and Changing the World



Grandparent/Grandchildren Summer Camp Weekend



The special bond between grandparents and grandchildren is a precious thing. To nurture this bond, Bill and Diane

Armstrong have found that a weekend at our United Methodist Pine Lake Camp in Westfield is priceless. Camp starts at 7PM on Friday and ends on Sunday afternoon. Lodging is in modern, air-conditioned Bishop Rader Center or can be in the primitive cabins if you desire. Meals are provided. Days are fairly unstructured, with options for fishing, swimming, boating, crafts, cookout, worship and fellowship. This is our 4th year—we started when our first grandchild was 3 yrs. old. The campers attending are from all over the state, and sometimes from other states, and include all ages of grandchildren — tots to teens.

We will be attending the Pine Lake session June 8-10. Pine Lake also offers a session June 15-17. Camp Lucern offers two sessions. To learn more or register, visit the website at www.wiumcamps.org and look under "Family Camps." There is even a video of Grandparent/Grandchild camp. We encourage you to come. Call Diane or Bill Armstrong with questions 262-784-5491, or call Pine Lake camp at 1-800-648-9630.

Habitat for Humanity

Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church is proud of our long term mission to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity providing decent affordable housing to low income families in the inner city. Once again we will be building a Habitat house in 2012 at 2228 N. 40th Street. This being our 13th house since 2000, we will be partnering with Emmanuel



2011 House

Community United Methodist Church, Menomonee Falls for the seventh year along with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish of New Berlin, St. Pius X & Christ King

Parishes of Wauwatosa. We currently have 12 families living in their own homes due to the generous nature of our congregation. It brings our congregation joy seeing photos of these families standing in front of their homes after working 250 "sweat equity" hours on theirs and other Habitat homes to make ownership possible.

After framing our 13th house with Milwaukee Habitat during Framing Week Monday, June 18, working through Friday, June 22, we'll begin working on insulation, drywall, interior painting, installing flooring, & millwork on Saturdays from July through October. Even if you have no construction skills there's on the job training provided to help you in completing tasks for the day!

Volunteer opportunities for construction work & providing lunch to our workers each building day are always needed. There is a sign up book in the church office. Should you have any questions about volunteering your construction skills, providing meals, or the fundraising effort please call Anne Neafie at 262.797.6562 or neafie@wi.rr.com.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to...

Erin & Antoni Apollo on the birth of their daughter, Camille Elizabeth, on April 5



We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Malcolm Gregory and Kobe Vines on May 6; and Silas James Packard, son of Krissa & Marcus, on May 13

Recently hospitalized... Alma Hubbard, Jean Nelson, Bill Slaybaugh, Wes Summitt

Recent surgery... Carolyn Dressler, Ken Freitag, Diana Schroepfer

Our sympathy to... the family of Elizabeth Carlin who passed away May 25

Congratulations to our confirmands...

Mitchell Boelkow, Henry Cloran, Nicholas Dallmann, Malcolm Gregory, Joseph Romfoe & Kobe Vines

It's Time for Summer Sunday School!

Summer is almost here. Our Summer Sunday School program will start on Sunday, June 3.

During the summer months, children will continue to be dismissed to Sunday School right after children's moment in worship on Sunday mornings. Our youngest children, 3 and 4 year olds, will continue to meet in the Preschool room. This class will be very similar to traditional Sunday school using the Spark curriculum which may fit with scripture and stories discussed in worship.

There is also a special summer class for our 5k-4th grade classes. Children in grades 5k-4th grade are welcome to gather as a large group class on Sunday mornings. After being dismissed from worship, children are invited to gather in the 1st/2nd grade classroom. This large group class will be continuing on with the Spark Curriculum which may fit closely with scriptures and parables discussed in worship.

Note: there will be no Summer Sunday School over 4th of July weekend or Labor Day weekend. Children are encouraged to worship with their family on this Sunday.

There will be no summer program for our tweens group (grades 5, 6, and 7). Tweens are welcome to worship with their families on Sunday mornings or act as helpers in the preschool classroom. Please see Kristin for a very quick training session, if you have a tween interested in helping.

Teachers are a vital part of the summer program and will be needed from both preschool and large group classes. **We are asking each family to consider leading a class once during the summer months.** Sign-up sheets are located in the stair well leading to the 3rd floor.

If you have any questions about our summer program, please feel free to contact Kristin via email at kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 414-453-0700. See you all in June!



Mission Trip 2011: Appalachia Service Project

Our youth will be working with the Appalachia Service Project for our 2012 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 all families have an annual income below \$20,000. Our work with ASP will focus on making two homes warmer, drier, and safer.



We are taking 14 volunteers down to Harlan County, Kentucky during the week of June 16th-23rd. Our work crews will work on repairing two homes for low income families. Home repairs range from dry-walling and framing to roofing, siding, or painting. Contributions to the mission trip are still being accepted. Please earmark any donations being made for ASP. Donations can also be placed in an envelope off of our "Help Us Get to Central Appalachia" map located in Fellowship Hall.

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, art, 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.



Ingathering Grocery Cart

Please help feed our neighbors by bringing canned goods — especially protein or meals, breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, baby food, etc. to church. 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. Also, check out www.hungertaskforce.org for other places to bring nonperishable foods to get discounts on Summerfest, yoga, other neat things.



St. Benedict's Meal Program

June 3:

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.

June 10:

Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

June 12:

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

July 1, August 5, and September 2:

The next JELLO bucket Sundays.

Sandwich Service Project Dates



Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays June 16, July 21, and August 18. 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.

2012 Great Hunger Book Sale August 2-7, 2012

Gigantic book sale at All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee. All proceeds go to local and world hunger relief; \$435,000 distributed since 1981. Tens of thousands of used books, CDs and DVDs. Opening Night, Thursday August 2, 6-9 pm, \$5 to get first crack at the selection. The remaining days, Friday August 3 – Tuesday August 7, hours are 11am to 6pm, no admission fee. The final day, August 7, has significant discounts on the remaining items.

Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House

Since 2000, little aluminum tabs on the tops of soda cans have meant nearly \$185,000 to the Ronald McDonald House. Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps provide a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are undergoing treatment in the Milwaukee area. The recycling proceeds help offset operating costs.

We are collecting aluminum pop tops at Church. We have a canister for the tabs on the shelves near the grocery cart on the lower level. Please look for the can with the red lid and Ronald McDonald label. Thank you!

Come Join the Monday Muffin Bakers!

We have been baking muffins for years, once a month, for the breakfast meal program at St. James Episcopal Church, part of The Gathering agency. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We average 45 dozen muffins a month.



Thanks to everyone who has helped over the years. We can always use more help, male or female — on an occasional basis is fine. Our next two sessions are 6/11/12 and 7/9/12 at 5:30 pm. Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 if questions.

News From Troop 21

Another Eagle Scout Awarded

Troop 21 has awarded another Eagle Scout honor. Rhys Hansen has received National BSA approval and is now officially an Eagle Scout. Rhys is the 157th Eagle Scout awarded by Troop 21 and is a high school Junior, and is home schooled. He is the son of Michelle and Mark Hansen of Wauwatosa. For his Eagle Service Project, Rhys led a team of volunteers in the sanding, priming, and painting of the metal hand railings in the WAUM Church parking lots. The project used only 1 gallon of primer and 2 1/2 gallons of paint but covered 667 linear feet of steel railing. A total of 37 volunteers worked 165 hours to complete the project. Remember the rusty railings a year ago? One year later — NO RUST!

Annual Conference Ingathering

Thanks to all who donated items or money to provide bedding kits which are very much appreciated if somebody has lost everything in a tornado or hurricane or flood. We took six bedding kits to the Annual Conference site, and they will be forwarded to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Thank you to the Tuesday afternoon prayer shawl group for knitting and crocheting more than 30 sweaters for the layette kits and to all who sewed the 75 school bags for the school kits. These items were also taken to Annual Conference for their Ingathering

Printer Position Opening

We have been fortunate to have Alex Swenson serving as our printer. As he heads off to college, we will need to hire a new printer. This job has typically been filled by a young person, but anyone is invited to apply. It is a paid position, 2-3 hours/week. The church office has applications and a job description.

Planning Ahead

The 3-year Strategy sheet you will find on the next page has been created by a Strategic Planning Team that has been meeting for the past 19 months to create a plans for future ministries. The plan was endorsed by Church Council in May. You will hear more about

this Strategy in the future, but for now you are invited to read over the various projects.

Upper Room Daily Devotional Free App for iPhone and Android Smartphones

The Upper Room Daily Devotional is now available as a free App for iPhone and Android users. Listen to scripture messages and commune with God in prayer conveniently using your phone. Download this free app through the iTunes App Store, Google Play Store, or use the QR code link featured here.



Church Name Tags on the Horizon

At the urging of a number of folks in our congregation, both newcomers and those who have been around for awhile, we are soon going to be providing permanent nametags for all our members. Yes, there are some people who may not love nametags, but we believe there will be more people who will breathe a sigh of relief that they can finally know the name of the person sitting by them in church! The main storage unit for the nametags will be a 4-sided standing case in Fellowship Hall. People will be invited to find their nametags there before services, and return them to Fellowship Hall before going home. For those persons who never get to Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, we'll have a basket by the Chapel, and one in the back of the sanctuary, so that your nametags will be located closer to the door you might use to enter the church. We ask that you be patient as we iron out the glitches once the nametags appear in terms of where you would like to store yours.

Our Congratulations

We congratulate the following people who were awarded scholarships from our Memorial Foundation's Scholarship Fund: Katie Cullen, Toyin Olukotun, Kyle Slaybaugh, Lauren Sodnik, Alex Swenson. They will be recognized in our worship service on June 3.

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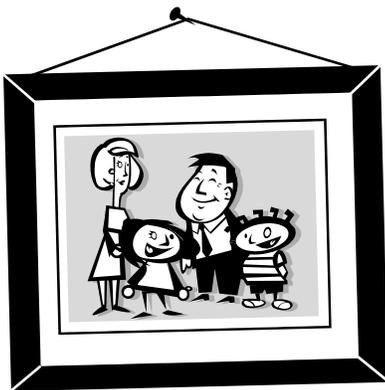
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Church Directory Coming Soon



It's time for a new church pictorial directory and we need YOU to make our new family album complete! We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session, either on-line or signing up after Sunday services. Lifetouch will be at our church to take pictures on the following days: Monday-Thursday, July 16-19 (2-9pm), Friday July 20 (12-7pm), Saturday July 21 (9am-4pm). Please keep those dates in mind, in the midst of your summer schedule. Each family photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating and, in your photo session, you will not only be photographed, but immediately be able to view your portraits.