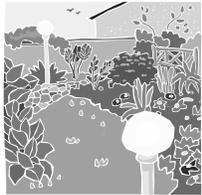


The Tower

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

Garden Celebration Sunday - June 2

The gardens offer so much to our church. They welcome visitors, 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. Instead of this sale, as we did last year, we have chosen a Sunday where we celebrate our church gardens. In worship, the service will focus on the importance of having natural spaces around us, with themes taken from Psalm 23. 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 Thursday, July 4. We are looking for approximately 15-25 people to walk in the parade and hand out candy along the parade route. 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 at 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.



Kristin's Last Sunday

Kristin Weber, our Director of Christian Education, will be leaving her position this summer. She is working on a graduate degree in counseling and needs to give more time to her schooling in order to complete that degree. Her last Sunday with us will be June 30th. We will plan to honor her that day and celebrate her five years of service to our church. We especially hope many of the families, children and youth who have worked with Kristin can be with us to bid her farewell.



Welcome New Members

Congratulations to our confirmands who formally joined the church during May:

- Max Benzinger
- Jacob Boelkow
- Michael Cloran
- Nicholas Gorr



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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

Organist (9:45 service) & Tower Bells Director

Janet Smith

Pianist (8:15 service)

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir & Youth Ensemble Director

Heather Sugden

Agape Accompanist

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Don Truman

Custodian

Marie Rider

Printer

**2013
Tower Deadlines**



August 6 - September (fall start up)

September 3 - 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.

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.

We are on the threshold of summer, and there are hopes that soon we won't need to carry the blooming plants back into the house, for fear of frost. Three months stretch out in front of us, with choices to be made about our time and activities. And when September rolls around, some of our children will be back to the often dreaded "what you did during summer vacation" school writing assignment. I'd like to propose a challenge — perhaps an assignment, to all of us — not just school children, to think about doing something specific this summer, to help your church.

What I'd like us to think about is not just being a welcoming church, but being an inviting church. Rob Moss, a Lutheran pastor in Colorado, recently wrote a blog entitled "We Will No Longer Be a Welcoming Church." That catches your eye doesn't it? What could he possibly mean? What Rob was suggesting was that many churches are moving down the road to becoming more welcoming — wearing nametags, having greeters in place, providing a regular fellowship hour, urging people to greet their neighbors on Sunday mornings. But not many of us are moving towards being an inviting church.

Here's the difference: "Welcoming, from a missional perspective is passive. It denotes waiting for visitors and guests to drop by. When they do, we attempt to treat them very well and do everything possible to make them comfortable. Inviting means we leave the comfort of our congregational home-court advantage. The main activity doesn't happen in our worship space when people drop in, but in the neighborhood when we go out. It isn't so much welcoming them into our place, but going out into their place and meeting them there." (Rob Moss) And if all that sounds just too spooky for you to even imagine, here are some ideas that may calm your nerves. Think about having comfortable conversations with people, someplace in your life during these summer months. In those conversations you use the phrase "my church" in a conversation with one person each week. Statements like: "Just go two blocks past my church and you'll see the farmer's market." "No, I can't go fishing this weekend, I've already made plans to be at my church." "The geranium in my flowerbed is really pretty. I provided it for my church, for our anniversary Sunday."

Another suggestion would be to think of one thing our congregation does very well. Maybe it's music, worship, education, or outreach projects. Then use that to finish the phrase, "My church is really good at ____." One time a week, include that phrase in a conversation.

Perhaps we could practice alternating those phrases this summer. Too often we may find ourselves talking about the Brewers or Summerfest or our regular exercise routine or favorite restaurant, much more than we ever mention "my church." You'll notice I haven't said anything about a specific invitation for people to come along with you to a church activity, or to worship, but we're moving towards that. Initially though, just becoming comfortable including intentional statements about our church in regular conversations is the place to start, until we get to the point of being able to naturally offer the actual invite. Rob believes that when we break these steps down into smaller pieces, then finally offering that invitation is not so difficult.

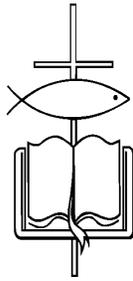
I recently received an e-mail from a member who is already putting this invitational thinking into practice. Here's the gist of that e-mail: "Yesterday I was getting my car emission tested and started talking to this young mother. She recently relocated to Wauwatosa with her family in January. She is United Methodist and looking for a church home. I invited her to our church." This member went ahead to let me know they would be out of town the next Sunday, but gave me the name of the person to look for, who might be coming to worship, and the ages of her children.

Just imagine what could be the outcome next Fall, if more of us put into practice these casual conversations during the summer? We're not stuffing a particular theology or faith stance down anybody's throat, we're not confronting someone about their thinking or beliefs. We are simply making statements about our church in our regular conversations. I wouldn't be surprised if some of those conversations, offered over a number of weeks might end up with somebody asking us, "Well, just what church do you attend? I've been thinking about finding a church and I might check out yours."



Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

- June 2:** Psalm 23
Our Need for Green Pastures
- June 9:** Psalm 146
Methodism's Dynamic Balance
- June 16:** Proverbs 3:1-12
Parental Wisdom
- June 23:** Galatians 3:23-29
In Christ's Family
- June 30:** Luke 9:51-62
The Nones, the Nons & the Buts
- July 7:** Galatians 6:1-10
Working for the Good of All
- July 14:** TBD
- July 21:** Psalm 71:1-6
Moving Past the Password
- July 28:** Luke 10:25-37
Know Your Neighbors
- Aug. 4:** TBD
- Aug. 11:** TBD
- Aug. 18:** Hebrews 11:29-12:2
A Goodly Heritage
- Aug. 25:** Jeremiah 1:4-10
An Inferiority Complex



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 Congratulations

We congratulate the following people who were awarded scholarships from our Memorial Foundation's Scholarship Fund: Forrest Fink, Emma Kruger, Cal Larson, Michael Sodnik, Alex Swenson.

Coffee Hour Thanks

I would like to thank the following for helping with the 2012/2013 Coffee/Fellowship Hour:



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| Sue & Ken Freitag | Kathleen Romfoe |
| Heidi & Darren Engbring | Janet Smith |
| Penny McCanles | Diane Armstrong |
| K'n'K | Steve & Carol Weber |
| Stewardship Committee | Olivia Gorr |
| Jane Peterson & Mike, | Brian & Amy Smallcombe |
| Malcolm & Jackson Gregory | Betty Parrish |
| Missy Stippich | Chancel Choir |
| Meg Kruger | Heather Justham |
| Marge Lammar | Karen Peliska |
| Sallie & Bruce Peterson | Lois Nugent |
| CIA Youth Group | Dave & Tess Vollmers |
| Sherri Brown & Family | Roma & Gil Erickson |
| Sue Burwell & | Jennie Ehrmann |
| Confirmation Class | Garden Committee |
| Boy Scout Troup 21 | Karen Habegger |
| Paula Fink | Myrna & Jack Kaufman |
| Mary Johnson | Derald Walker |
| Mary Hutton, Carolyn | Mission Committee |
| Dressler & PEO group | UMW Group |
| Edith Brown | Wendy & Marion Sodnik |

And everyone else who I might have missed for baking. A huge thank you! ~Lou Walker

Our Church Family

Recent surgery...

Diana Schroepfer, Carol Smith

In special care...

Bill Slaybaugh, Bob Wierman

We rejoice in the baptism of...

Owen Edward Stuessy, son of Carolyn & Peter, on May 12



*Dear Friends,
Happy, happy 165th birthday to everyone at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church! You are such a blessing to Greater Tosa Interfaith and to the entire community of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee and beyond. May your ministry continue for another 165+ years!*

*Diane Euting, Director
Greater Tosa Interfaith*

Sandwich Service Project

Our next date to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering is Saturday, June 15. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 am 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 contact 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. Co-sponsored by Church & Society.



Summerfield UMC Saturday Meal

On Saturday morning, August 17, while we are in the kitchen making peanut butter lunches, we will also prepare a complete hot meal to take downtown to the Summerfield UMC meal program at 728 E. Juneau Avenue. They feed 35-50 people a hot meal for Saturday supper weekly. A few of us will deliver and serve the food from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Please let Jennie Ehrmann know if you would like to help serve the meal Saturday afternoon/evening at jmehrman59@gmail.com. Going forward, we expect to prepare and serve the Saturday evening meal at Summerfield approximately once a quarter, doing the prep work at the same time as we make lunches for The Gathering. Our next date will be November 16.

Milwaukee Hunger – Did You Know?

Milwaukee County's poverty rate is 20% and the poverty rate is nearly 30% in the City of Milwaukee, according to a statement made by Acting Labor Secretary Seth D. Harris in a March visit to Milwaukee, as reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Please help by bringing canned goods – especially protein or meals, breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, baby food, etc. 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!

St. Benedict's Meal Program

On June 2, pick up a plastic bucket to make jello fruit salad. We'll provide the recipe. Or sign up to bring a gallon of 1% milk. The following Sunday, June 9, bring the jello or milk to the main kitchen. On Tuesday, June 11, the jello fruit salad and milk will be served to 500 hungry people at St. Ben's, along with food provided by other groups. The next St. Benedict Sunday will be June 30, 2013.

2013 Great Hunger Book Sale

Gigantic book sale at All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee. All proceeds go to local and world hunger relief; \$455,000 distributed since 1981. Tens of thousands of used books, CDs and DVDs. Opening Night, Thursday August 1, 6-9 pm, \$5 to get first crack at the selection. The remaining days, with no admission fee, are Friday, August 2, to Tuesday, August 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The final day, August 6, has significant discounts on the remaining items.

Oklahoma Tornado

In the wake of the devastating tornado in Moore, Oklahoma, we all want to help. The particularly tragic consequences of this storm have motivated many unsolicited volunteers to show up at the command center for rescue and relief operations in Moore.

The Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, which includes the Oklahoma Annual Conference as well as other faith-based, not-for-profit, and government disaster-response groups, issued a plea that its member organizations "instruct all volunteers or groups you may come in contact with to NOT self-deploy. "Best practices include a collaborative response, so people are directed WHEN and WHERE NEEDED so their help and skills... will be most effective," the statement continued.

The most important ways that concerned individuals and faithful United Methodists can help is through their prayers and financial assistance, said Norman.

You can support **UMCOR US Disaster Response, Advance #901670** in our church offering (earmarked "Tornado"), with your online gift at UMCOR.org, or by calling toll-free 1-800-554-8583. To make an immediate \$10 donation, text the word RESPONSE to 80888.

It's Time for Summer Sunday School!

Summer is almost here. Our Summer Sunday School program will start on Sunday, June 2. During the summer months, children will continue to be dismissed to Sunday School right after the children's moment in worship on Sunday mornings. Our youngest children, 3 & 4 year olds, will continue to meet in the preschool room.

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.

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

There will be no summer Sunday School 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 for 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 stairwell 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!

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.



Pastor Sue's Book Discussion

Pastor Sue's next book discussion book will be "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel is set in present day Appalachia. It provides a picture of life in that part of our country, as well as helping us grapple with environmental issues. "Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world." There's a lot to talk about in this book! Any interested persons are invited to meet in the east end of Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 21, at 11am to share in the discussion. This is a popular book. There are numerous copies in our public library system, but you may need to put a hold on a copy. The paperback is scheduled to be released early in June.



Lifelong United Methodist? New to United Methodism?

United Methodism 101 is designed for new church members and anyone else wanting to know more about our: You may be surprised at all there is to discover about our denomination. The course includes four web-based lessons, each with many interactive features. Lessons take about 30 minutes to complete. Cost is \$9.99. Dates are June 19 - July 31. Upon successful completion, learners are awarded .5 SACEM CEU.

You also may order a United Methodism 101 CD (KIT) for \$79.95. The same interactive course blends audio, video and written materials into a fast-moving learning experience. This kit is ideal for groups. Each kit includes five identical CDs and one leader's guide. Additional CDs may be purchased.

For more information & to register go to: http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFKMG/b.3563949/k.E4C8/Training_United_Methodism_101.htm.

Mission Trip 2013: ASP

Our youth will be working with the Appalachia Service Project for our 2013 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 13 volunteers down to Tennessee during the week of July 6-13. 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 needed. Please earmark any donations being made for ASP. Please watch the bulletin and email announcements for fundraisers that will help support the ASP trip.

The Flamingos Have Been Sighted!

A flock of pink flamingos has been sighted in the Wauwatosa area. These birds are expected to land in congregation members' yards any time after May 27th, Memorial Day. If you happen to find these pesky pink flamingos in your yard one day, don't worry. Our youth group will help you out! For a suggested donation of \$15, our youth group will remove the flamingos from your yard. The youth group can also direct the flock of flamingos to another congregation member's yard for an additional \$5. Do you want these birds to stay away from your yard all together? Then Flamingo Insurance is for you. Before May 27th, congregation members can purchase Flamingo Insurance for \$10 and make sure that these pink pals stay far away. Flamingo Insurance can be purchased from the youth on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

All donations will go to support the Youth Mission

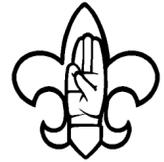


Trip, with Appalachia Service Project, in July where our youth will be building and repairing homes for low income families in Scott County, TN.

News From Troop 21

Service Projects

Troop 21 Scouts have always been active in community service projects.



- May 4 - Life Scout Paul Gagne completed his Eagle Project by rebuilding an outdoor secure patient court yard at the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Hospital, on Watertown Plank Road. The court yard was designed to allow patients to go outside for fresh air, but had fallen into a state where it could not be used. Paul lead a team of volunteers clearing weeds, removing unusable benches, construction of new seating benches, and the re-planting of trees, bushes and flowers.
- May 27 - Troop 21 assisted the Wauwatosa Memorial Day ceremony by acting as color guard and ushers.
- July 4 - Watch for Troop 21 Scouts handing out flags before the Wauwatosa Independence Day Parade.

Camp Activities

- May 24-26 - Troop 21 will be camping and hiking at Point Beach State Forest.
- June 22-29 - Troop 21 will conduct the 44th annual summer camp at the Jag Lake DNR campground, near Boulder Junction, WI. Scoutmaster Weber reports he expects 85-95 Scouts and adults to attend summer camp 2013.
- July 19-21 - Troop 21 will camp at the New Glaris Woods State Park and ride 50 miles on the Sugar River bike trail.
- This summer numerous Troop 21 Scouts will also participate in the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree, Philmont High Adventure Base, and the WI State Fair Camp Ammon.

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Congregational Information Meetings

Over the past year, a Strategic Facilities Planning committee has been meeting. Their purpose has been to review the church's existing facilities and to guide the church on decisions to ensure that our facilities continue to support and meet the needs of our church into the future, and, our congregation can continue to financially support our facilities. The Church Council has received their reports and we are now at the point of sharing that information with the larger congregation.

Please plan to be with us for one of these informational meetings:

Wednesday, June 12th - 7pm in Wesley Hall

Sunday, June 16th - After the 8:15am service and after the 9:45am service — in Fellowship Hall

You will soon be receiving a brochure that will outline the proposed plans. Please be alert to the arrival of that brochure in your home, and read through it before attending either of the meetings. Your questions, ideas, opinions and suggestions are crucial to this whole process.

We would like to be able to both continue to celebrate our 165th year, as we make plans for the future.

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