

# The Tower

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

## A Month of Church Celebrations

As we find ways to mark our 165 anniversary, you won't want to miss these upcoming Sundays:

### Confirmation Sunday: May 5 at 9:45am

We are looking forward to confirming four young men on the first Sunday in May. Plan to be with us as we affirm this step in their lives, when they take their vows of membership in the life of our church.



### Pentecost • 165th Anniversary • Music Ministries Sunday: May 19

Pentecost falls on the Sunday closest to our church birthday, May 22, 1848. So, on the day the general church marks as their birthday (with the coming of the Holy Spirit among a huge crowd of people), we will be officially celebrating our birthday. In addition, all of our choirs will be sharing with us. Not only will we have cake during fellowship hour, but there will be historical displays and plenty of great photos to look at in fellowship hall, as we celebrate our history. **And** our ASP group will be selling baked potatoes & all the toppings, so we can stay for lunch!

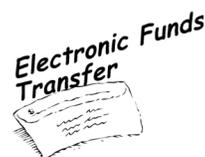
### Speed Fellowshiping Coming April 28!

Many of you may ask, "What is speed fellowshiping?" Great question... many of you might have heard of speed networking or speed dating. It's the same concept where you have 2-4 minutes to talk to someone you may know and many others you may not know or not know well and would like to get to know better. Have you noticed some new faces at worship lately? Or are there other members you would like to get to know better? Your chance will be coming to Fellowship Hall Sunday,

April 28, after the 9:45 service. Anybody that would like to try this activity, please go to the west side of Fellowship Hall. We'll sit at tables facing each other, be presented with a question to ask the person directly across from you, and then move on to ask the same question of the next person. Then you'll change direction and have a chance to answer the same question to the same people. It's all on a one-on-one basis. No embarrassing moments. Come join in on the fun and make some new friends along the way!

## Easy Automatic Giving

WAUMC has a convenient way to make donations which helps the church and saves you time and money. Members can choose to have their donations come directly from their checking or savings account with automatic electronic transfers. This optional way to donate is safe and secure, and costs you nothing. This is a great way to give during summer months when you may be out of town. You simply designate the amount and frequency of the withdrawals and you can change or cancel them any time you like. Transfers are done electronically, along with any additional donations you make, and will be listed on your normal quarterly statement from the church. Keep in mind that your offering is blessed during the service, no matter how it is given. And, if you would like to put an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday along with your neighbors, simply mark on it "EFT" and our counters will know it's an automatic transfer. EFT forms are located on the information tables outside the chapel and sanctuary or in the church office.



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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)*

**Genevieve Jorn**

*Cherub Choir Director*

**Susan Watson**

*Troubadour Choir & Youth Ensemble Director*

**Heather Sugden**

*Agape Accompanist*

**Laurie Froemke**

*Nursery Coordinator*

**Don Truman**

*Custodian*

**2013  
Tower Deadlines**



**May 14** - June (summer)

**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](mailto:pmccanles@wi.rr.com); or Jodie Hunt at 414-453-0700, [waumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

I recently read a story about a fellow who, upon his mother's death bed, found out that the person he thought was his father, really wasn't! What a shock that must have been. His mother had gone to great lengths so that her son would never think anything different about the father he had always known, until shortly before she died. Perhaps at that point, she wanted to make sure her son knew the truth. This son had grown up believing his father's ancestors were from Scotland, and his father wasn't all too friendly with the Irish. Come to find out, his real father was from Ireland!

Upon hearing the news from his mother, this man began searching for his Irish ancestors. It led him to Kinvara Ireland, where he was able to meet relatives, walk on the land that had long been in his family, and see the house where his great-grandfather had lived. Upon visiting the stone and cement cottage, he found himself "kissing the doorframe, tasting the dust and mold, sensing somehow old bones of the family he somehow yearned for, even before he knew they existed." A genealogist had advised him "to walk around his family's place and listen. There's something magic about this." (*AARP, The Magazine, Feb-Mar 2013*)

In some way, shape or form, family roots may be important to many of us. That can even be true for the family we call church. We will soon be celebrating our 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our current building isn't that ancient, but we've been a church in this particular location for 165 years. That's astonishing. We were incorporated as a church a week BEFORE the state of Wisconsin was admitted into the Union. The congregation met at the schoolhouse for almost 20 years, until a half acre lot at our present site was purchased in 1870 for \$200. The new church was dedicated in 1871 and it served the congregation until May 25, 1919, when it was destroyed by fire. The same day the congregation of 200 people pledged \$16K toward rebuilding. By 1921, the roof, walls and basement of the new church were completed. Between then and 1957, the sanctuary space was enlarged, stained glass windows installed, office space and classrooms were added, and the chapel and Wesley Hall addition was built.

We are fortunate to be able to still conduct worship services in a space that holds the memories of people from the 1920's. Visitors join us on Sunday morning

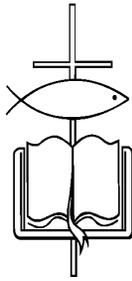
and comment how unique our sanctuary is, in our day and time. There really is something magic about being in a place that has been inhabited by our ancestors. And another amazing thing is that we still have a number of people in our congregation who were present in the 1920's and 1930's. I looked on that paper time-line we created along the sanctuary wall a few years back, and to my knowledge Barb Kamerling holds the record here. She was baptized here in 1927, confirmed in 1941, and she and Ed were married here in 1952! Helen Scales joined the church in 1934 and she and her husband were married here in 1938. According to that newsprint timeline, other of those 1920's-50's folks who are still a part of our congregation include: George Moss, Fred & Bev Hunt, Ellen Wheeler, Bea Root, Ethel Klein, Art & Ruth Hall, Kenneth Freiesleben, Agnes Enzenbacher, George & Audrey Grove, Roma & Gil Erickson, Dick & Gloria Bergman, Adele Hahn, Audrey Millard, Bill Murgas, Ted England, Joyce Ehrhardt, Audrey & John Barrett, Dorothy Kassilke, John McLaughlin, Richard Hey, Dwight Johnson, Merle Langsten, Audrey Arndt, Dick & Lois Corbett, Bob & Marian Wierman, Mary Lewis, Bill & Carol Slaybaugh, Alberta McCombe, June Price, and Lucy Neff. (My apologies if I've omitted someone.) So, the magic of our congregation is not just in its old stones, but in the presence of people who have maintained and enlivened those old stones for lots of years. (And, you will notice I was careful to not say anything about anybody's age!) We are blessed to have these persons with us, who carry with them our history.

I am grateful for the foresight and faithfulness of so many people who have been a part of this church for 165 years. There is nothing simple or uncomplicated about being the church, except perhaps God's love. We need to have committees and boards to keep us organized and functioning and we need the presence, talents, and financial resources of us all to support our ministry. Let's find ways to celebrate, not only who we have been in the past, but who we will be in the next 165 years. And I hope you can be with us on May 19, as we formally wish ourselves a Happy Birthday!



## Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

- April 21:** Acts 9:36-43  
*A Seamstress for God*
- April 28:** John 13:31-35  
*Love One Another! Really?*
- May 5** John 14:23-29  
*Can You Relate?*
- May 12:** Proverbs (sel.); II Tim. 2:1-5  
*Susanna Wesley: Methodism's Mother*
- May 19:** Acts 2:1-21  
*Happy Birthday Church!*
- May 26:** John 16:12-15  
*Much More to Say to Us*
- June 2:** Psalm 23  
*Our Need for Green Pastures*



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](http://www.waumc.org).

## Our Church Family

### Recent surgery...

Dick Bergman, Dave Evans

### Recently hospitalized...

Bill Slaybaugh

### We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Logan John Pukansky, son of Jessica & John, on February 10

Isaiah Jose Dominquez, son of Kathryn & Jose, on March 10

Julia Jean Hornby, daughter of Shannan & Jason, on April 14



*Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers & words of condolences I have received. My church family has been a great support for me & I greatly appreciate all you have done.*

*In Christ,  
Beverly Stan*

## WAUMC's 2012 Mission Giving

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 2,207.05
Native American Awareness Sun.	208.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	160.00
World Communion Sunday	247.00
U.M. Student Day	93.00
Zambia Agriculture Project	1,131.43
Paul Webster—Missionary Support	3,012.43
CROP	40.00
Red Bird Mission	250.00
US Disaster Response	310.00
International Disaster Response	210.00
UMCOR	632.36
Hurricane Relief	1,888.00
Clean Water & Sanitation	150.00
Mother & Child Survival	370.00
Northcott Neighborhood House	492.36
Superior Area Floods	<u>220.00</u>
Total	\$11,621.63

## Strength for Service

Did you know that the United Methodist Church recently presented copies of *Strength for Service to God and Community* to 250 first responders to the mass shootings at Sandy Hook



Elementary School? *Strength for Service to God and Community* contains 365 one-page devotionals written specifically for firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and others who respond to everyday tragedies. It is a ministry of the Commission on United Methodist Men, an agency of The United Methodist Church. This book is patterned after *Strength for Service to God and Country*, a book of daily devotions first written for US troops in World War II and the Korean War, and updated a decade ago. If you would like to make a donation for both of these books, you will be given the opportunity on May 26<sup>th</sup>. \$5.00-\$6.00 covers the cost of one book. Please make checks payable to WAUMC and identify "Strength for Service" on your check We will then forward all the money to the General Commission on United Methodist Men. Thanks for your support.

## Vegetables for Spring Ingathering for Tosa Food Pantry

Please help our neighbors! Please bring some canned vegetables to help tide people over until fresh vegetables are available. Bring any canned veggie you want — corn, carrots, beans (of all kinds), peas and so forth 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. *Any* non-perishable food you want to bring is appreciated! Gifts in the offering plate marked for *Ingathering* will go to The Hunger Task Force or local pantries and meal programs. Thank you!



## Sandwich Service Project, April 20 Co-Sponsored by Confirmation Class



Our next date to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering is Saturday, April 20. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. 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 8<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin. Please contact Kristin Weber at 414-453-0700 or [kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net), or call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848, so they can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. Or see the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter next to the coffee hour treats. We especially need fruit, cookies and workers. Co-sponsored by Church & Society and the Confirmation class.

## Soap Sunday: Mother's Day, May 12

Church and Society is again sponsoring a collection of soap and personal care items. We will be collecting the toiletries for the transitional housing program at United Methodist Children's Services. UMCS has said they really want bar soap and laundry soap. Also shampoo and conditioner, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, and other personal care items. These should all be new and unused. On SOAP SUNDAY, May 12, we will have baskets at the church entrances and in the back of the sanctuary and the chapel to collect your items.

## Summerfield UMC Saturday Meal

On Saturday morning, May 18, 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 p.m. Please let Jennie Ehrmann know if you would like to help serve the meal Saturday afternoon/evening at [jmehrmann59@gmail.com](mailto:jmehrmann59@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 August 17.

## St. Benedict's Meal Program

**May 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.

**May 12:** Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

**May 14:** JELLO fruit salad and milk served to 400-500 hungry people at St. Benedict's, along with food provided by other groups.

**June 2:** The next JELLO bucket Sunday.

## Postal Food Drive "Stamp Out Hunger"

On Saturday, **May 11**, be a part of a nation-wide food drive to "Stamp Out Hunger"! Please leave non-perishable food by your mailbox and your letter carrier will deliver the food to the Hunger Task Force. Last year, 1200 Milwaukee County letter carriers collected over 900,000 pounds, and much more was collected throughout southeastern Wisconsin! This year, the emphasis will be on canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats/protein, and cereal. Other non-perishable foods are welcome. Food collected during this drive is absolutely critical to keeping meal sites and food pantries filled throughout the summer, according to the Hunger Task Force. Please put "**food drive**" on your grocery list.



## 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](mailto:kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 414-453-0700. See you all in June!

## 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



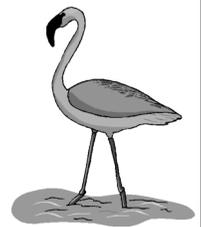
concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions—religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians—trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately 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.

## Everywhere Fun Fair VBS Save the Date!

Save the date! Everywhere Fun Fair VBS will be coming to WAUMC Thursday, July 25 - Saturday, July 27. Join us on Thursday and Friday, July 25-26, from 5:30-7:30pm and Saturday, July 27, from 9am-11am as we explore different cultures and learn how God's love is shared all around the world in our very own World's Fair. Meet some new neighbors as we play games, do crafts, and learn about being a child of God. Watch the *Tower*, bulletin, and website for more details on registration and volunteer opportunities. Come visit our fair before the big State Fair!

### Alert! Flamingo Migration Predicted

As spring draws near, Wauwatosa Avenue will get a chance to see a migrating flock of pink flamingos! As cute and friendly as they seem, these birds have been known to become pesky, pink pals. They have even been sighted at the homes of congregation members without warning. Good thing we have our very own flamingo wrangling crew here at WAUMC (aka our youth)! As we approach the month of May, watch the bulletin for information on Flamingo Insurance, which insures you that our wrangling crew will keep these birds away from your home and more details about how to send our pink pals to a visit a friend or family member. Our flamingo wrangling crew is monitoring the migration carefully and will give you bulletin updates as the flock moves closer. Keep on the look out!



## 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 a Cub Scouting. This time of the year is when 5th grade boys join Boy Scout Troops. 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 is invited to stop by for a visit.



### Pancake Breakfast a Success

Troop 21 provided a free pancake breakfast to all church members on Sunday, January 27, which was Scout Sunday. Troop 21 would once again like to thank the WAUMC congregation for sponsoring our youth organization since 1922. We hope you had enough to eat? The Scouts certainly had fun serving you.

### Eagle Scout - BSA Requirement Change

Effective January 1, 2014 the requirements to earn Eagle Scout will be updated. 21 merit badges continue to be the total number needed for Eagle. However there is now one more Eagle required merit badge — Cooking, and one less non-required. The Cooking Merit Badge was an Eagle required merit badge years ago and was dropped in a past revision. It's back! Due to this change, 8 or more Troop 21 Life Scouts are now scrambling to see if they can finish before January 1st. Eagle activities in Troop 21 are getting very busy all of a sudden.

### Service Projects

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

March 9 - Scouts sat up and ran the water station for runners in the Wauwatosa Historical Society's Blarney Run. 50-70 gallons of water was poured into hundreds of cups and was set up on tables for the runners or walkers at the midway point of the course.

March 16 - Scouts delivered the Scouting for Food donation bags for this annual food collection. Thank you if you donated food.

March 23 - Troop 21 Scouts returned and picked up donated food from the homes that put their bag out.

Scouting for Food is the largest food collection program in Milwaukee County and the Boy Scouts are asked to run this program in the spring as this is a time when the food pantry's supplies are lowest each year.

April 6 - As his Eagle Leadership Project, Life Scout Ben Halligan led volunteers in the construction of a brick paver sidewalk at the Wauwatosa Historical Society.

## 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](http://www.WIUMCamps.org).

## Coffee Hour



We need volunteers to host and or bake/buy refreshments for the following Sundays: **April 28; May 5 & 26 (Memorial Weekend); and June 9 & 16 (Father's Day)**. Donations for Fellowship Hour are always welcome.

Questions? Please call Lou Walker at 414-423-0368.

## Wauwatosa 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

We will be participating in the Wauwatosa 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Habitat for Humanity House



It's that happy time again when we bless our latest Habitat for Humanity house after our hard working family has had a chance to move in & get settled. Moo Wah & Lay Lay are

immigrants with two adorable little boys who escaped Burma many years ago & moved to the U.S. after living in a refugee camp in Thailand for 10 years. They met and married in the U.S. in 2009.

After moving into their home this past February they had many needs including a washer/dryer & various furniture including beds for the entire family. I'm proud of the churches in our coalition (WAUMC, Emmanuel Community UMC, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, & St. Pius X) who contributed to the washer/dryer which was installed last week. Other donations from our construction volunteers include beds for the boys, dressers, living room chairs, living room end & coffee table, children's chairs, non-perishable food, & new vacuum.

The House Blessing will be at:

2230 North 40th Street  
(1/2 block south of North Ave.)  
Saturday, April 27  
1:00 - 1:45pm

This special event will be presided by Moo Wah's father, a local Baptist minister. Please RSVP to Anne Ruttger Neafie at [neafie@wi.rr.com](mailto:neafie@wi.rr.com) or 262-797-6562 at your earliest convenience. Thank you for all your hard work on making this home possible!!!

## May Habitat Blitz Week Lunch Help

WAUMC has agreed to provide the lunch for the Habitat volunteers during their May Blitz Week, during which they hope to frame several new houses in the central city. We will be providing chili for 75 people, along with French bread, fruit and dessert for the lunch on Wednesday, May 8.

We would like help from you in making the chili. Anyone who is willing to make a batch at home starting with two pounds of ground beef (no noodles), please contact Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848. We have some volunteers already. Please bring the chili to church on Sunday, May 5. (We'll have buckets to pour your chili into.)

We also will need 75 servings of fruit. It must be washed and ready to go. Habitat suggests apples, oranges, bananas, or grapes or strawberries in serving-size ziplock bags, so the workers can pick it up and take it with them. In addition, we will need several desserts, and French bread. Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 to let her know what you can bring. Then bring your contributions to church with you on Sun., May 5, to the main kitchen.

## Mission Trip 2013: Appalachia Service Project

I am pleased to tell you that 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<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Welcome to the Church Library!

Consider these titles recently added to the church library shelves.

### Adult Books

- 028.9/OZM THE READING PROMISE: my father and the books we shared by Alice Ozma
- 242/DUR PRAYING WITH HILDEGARD OF BINGEN by Gloria Durka
- 242/Pea CONCERNING PRAYER, General Board of Global Ministries
- 248.8/Har DO HARD THINGS: a teenage rebellion against low expectations by Alex Harris
- 261.8/Bar MAKE POVERTY PERSONAL: taking the poor as seriously as the Bible does by Ash Barker
- 305.9/Reg THE DEATH OF JOSSELINE: immigration stories from the Arizona borderlands by Margaret Regan
- 323.44/Wal FOUNDING FAITH: how our founding fathers forged a radical new approach to religious liberty by Steven Waldman
- 616/Moy HEALING AND THE MIND by Bill Moyers
- 921/Kam THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND by William Kamkwamba
- 956/Wil IT'S EASIER TO REACH HEAVEN THAN THE END OF THE STREET: a Jerusalem memoir by Emma Williams
- 974/Hin THUNDER DOG: the true story of a blind man, his guide dog and the triumph of trust at ground zero by Michael Hingson



### Children's Books

- +Pin TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR by Jerry Pinkney
- +Tit BABY'S BOAT by Jeanne Titherington
- +Ste VIOLET: Violet goes to school by Tania Stehlik
- +223.2/Del PSALMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN by Marie-Helene Delval
- 305.89/Rey ONLY THE MOUNTAINS DO NOT MOVE: a Maasai story of culture and conservation by Jan Reynolds

## Garden Cleanup: Sunday April 28



We need to tend to the gardens! We welcome beginner gardeners and seasoned gardeners to help us spruce up the Memorial Garden and front garden beds. We will have team leaders with designated tasks to complete in 1-2 hours. We will start at 1 pm and finish by 3 pm. It is a short commitment, but many hands make light work. We will have garden tools but we encourage you to bring your own. For example, here are some things to gather: gloves, trowels, shovel, bushel baskets, rakes, and pruning shears. We welcome older kids who can follow instructions. If desired, we will offer child care for younger children. Please let us know your needs. This work is rewarding. It is also an act of kindness to our wonderful church property. Please contact Carolyn

Stuessy or Marit Gorr.

## 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.

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# The Tower

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## PENTECOST CELEBRATION

On May 19, we'll celebrate Pentecost and the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit is frequently represented by images of wind and fire. Many churches decorate their sanctuary with bright red colors, representing fire.



We would like to brighten up our worship space with red geraniums. You are invited to purchase one or more of these flowers, which can be taken home with you to be planted in your flower beds. (Or if you don't have a garden area and would like them to be planted at the church, that would be fine also.) These dark red geraniums will come to us in 6½ inch containers, and they will cost \$7.50.

Please fill out this order and return it to the church office along with your money, by **May 12**, if you would like to purchase these geraniums. Please make checks payable to: Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church (WAUMC).

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