

The Tower

September 11th Anniversary

This year, the beginning of our Fall programming year happens to fall on September 11th. We will begin Sunday School that day, and we hope to welcome everyone back to worship after summer vacations. But because this is the tenth anniversary of events that have had a powerful and lasting effect on many of us and on the world at large, we can't ignore that history. Just because we aren't promoting this as a usual celebrative type of rally day, doesn't mean we aren't hoping to see everyone! Resources for our worship services this Sunday will be drawn from those provided by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and Steven Shaw will be sharing a children's story based on the paper peace crane tradition.

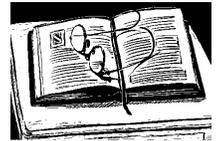
In addition, the Wisconsin Council of Churches is co-sponsoring an event with the Islamic Society of Milwaukee and the Southeast Milwaukee Interfaith Covenant Community, that you may want to take part in the day before (Saturday, Sept. 10, -9am-3pm), entitled "September 11th: Ten Years Later: Our Commitment to Peace and Justice." This workshop will be held at the Islamic Society of Milwaukee Community Center, 815 West Layton Avenue, Milwaukee.

How far have we come in our relationships since September 11th? And what are the challenges ahead of us? Join in this one-day conversation as we reflect on the last decade and address the work that is ahead of us in Wisconsin to express our common commitment to peace and justice. Lunch will be provided (suggested donation is \$10), but registration is free and open to the public. Advance registration forms are available online at www.wichurches.org/calendar/event-list/

Leaders for this workshop will be Dr. Sam Richards and Dr. Laurie Mulvey, Co-Directors of the World in Conversation Project at Penn State University.

Adult Study

Beginning Sunday, September 11, and for several succeeding Sundays, an adult study based on Adam Hamilton's "Why?" will be led by Dr. Jack Kaufman at 11am in Room 4.



When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when water rises, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations—where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation?

We'll be looking for more than simplistic answers or unexamined assumptions.

Among the topics covered are:

- 1) Why Do the Innocent Suffer?
- 2) Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?
- 3) Why Can't I See God's Will for Myself?
- 4) Why God's Love Prevails.

Each class will start with a discourse on DVD by Adam Hamilton for approximately 15 minutes. Following the DVD, there will be an open discussion on that topic. It may take more than one Sunday per topic. A 91-page study book will be available for \$7.50.

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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/Agape Accompanist

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

**2011
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Deadlines**



September 6 - October (All Saints/Thanksgiving)

November 1 - December (Advent/Christmas)

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.



As a child, my parents and I would head off to northern Wisconsin every June, where we stayed in a rented cabin near Minong for 2-3 weeks. We would spend our days fishing, swimming in the cold waters of the lake, popping popcorn, playing numberless games of cards, and heading to the dump at night to look for bear. Before I hit my teenage

years, these trips were palatable, although the drive from Indiana to the northwest corner of Wisconsin always seemed an eternity. My teenage opinion of these summer jaunts was vastly different. I was not a happy camper. I was leaving my friends behind, precisely during the time of the school year when we had more free time. Getting up early in the morning to go out and fish, especially if the fish weren't biting, was not a sufficient reason to get up. And regardless of how many books I checked out of the library and took with me, I was still faced with hours of boredom in an out of the way location with nothing terribly exciting for a teenager to do.

Funniest thing is that now, as an adult, every few years I choose to drive through the area in which I spent those vacations with my parents. It's interesting to see what Minong looks like over fifty years later, and to find out that if I want to buy my favorite pull-apart bread at the Spooner bakery, I now need to call ahead because they daily sell out of the stuff. In my younger years, I tried my best to escape from these places, and now I wander back.

I wonder if we have a basically good experience of something, if it imprints on us for the rest of our lives? If that's the case, to have the desire to come back to that place or experience later in life, perhaps isn't much of a surprise, because the imprint has been there all along—perhaps latent in our memory.

Those of us who have had a basically good, supportive experience in the church may have an imprint on us. Even if we wander away from the church for a time, somehow we are drawn back in, either by curiosity, or by the memory of something good from the past with which we'd like to connect. Or perhaps we have the sense that there's something we're looking for, and maybe the church can help fill

the need. If the church can make that kind of imprint on us, all the better.

Probably since the beginning of organized religion, children have been pushing back whenever parents may want them to attend worship or Sunday School or youth activities. Why would they want to spend their time doing that, when the kids can come up with a dozen other better possibilities? I certainly empathize with parents in these situations, because I know it can't be easy. I still remember some of the grief I gave my parents. I also know that there are times when parents, simply because of their role as parents, have some wisdom that moves them to want to provide an upbringing for their children that includes the life of faith. I believe parents, at times, need to make a choice for their child. When we baptize children, we say that we are hoping this child will someday choose the life of faith for themselves and, until that time, we will do our best to give them an experience that will support and encourage that choice.

I believe in the possibility that the church can make a positive imprint on our lives—as children, youth, adults.

Whenever we learn something new about the faith or learn something new about ourselves in relationship to other people and to God. That may be something that sticks with us for the rest of our lives. I would hope that parents will choose to include in their family activities, a place for the church. Yes, schedules are terribly busy, but is there any place else where we can talk about God and Jesus, and be with others who are engaged in those same conversations? And, when parents are encouraging their children and youth to participate, it's a good time for the parent to also find ways to grow in their faith. Whether it's worship, study, choir participation, fellowship, or service activities, these can all make a positive impact—a good imprint on all our lives.



Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

Aug. 21: *Keeping Watch*
Exodus 2:1-10

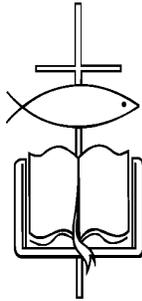
Aug. 28: *A Holy Ground Experience*
Exodus 3:1-15

Sept. 4: *Time to Wake Up*
Matthew 5:21-24
Romans 13:8-14

Sept. 11: *The Hard Work of Living Together*
Romans 14:7-12

Sept. 18: *What to Not Hide from Our Children*
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

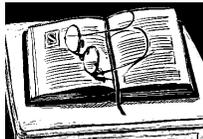
Sept. 25: *Forget the Canning Jars*
Exodus 16:2-15



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.

Men's Bible Study

Our next study material on DVD is titled "Luther: Gospel, Law and Reformation." Professor Phillip Cary, the Director of Philosophy Programs at Eastern University, will present a series of 24 weekly lectures (20 min. each). Each week for an additional 30 minutes, or so, we talk about the material and a whole lot more. We enjoy talking about any current topic. We convene in the Heywood Room at 9:00 am each Tuesday. The series on Martin Luther begins August 30.



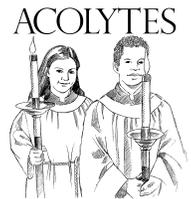
Please join us. We have a very interesting and eclectic group of seven, currently. We will finish our study of Great Figures of the New Testament on August 23. No homework, no quizzes, just an interesting and fun group. For more information, call Ed Kamerling at 262-781-8169.

Match Me Update

One of our church members has graciously offered the church \$18,000, as a way to help close the gap on our budget deficit. For every monetary gift given this summer, over and above an existing pledge, this member will match it—up to \$18,000. This is a great gift, which can be multiplied by the giving of others. Any gift, large or small, will be matched. If you are in a position to respond, please mark your check or envelope MATCH ME, from now through the middle of September. As of August 8th, we have received \$13,867. Thanks for your support of the work of our church.

Acolytes Needed

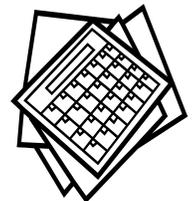
Our acolytes have taken a break for the summer, and we would like to once again have them with us in the fall to help us begin worship. Their function is to symbolically carry the light of God into our midst. If someone in your household is in grade 4-8, and would like to serve the church in this way, we would welcome their participation. We will include them in the rotation of the acolytes so that they will know ahead of time what Sunday they are serving. In addition, Pastor Sue will ask those acolytes who are comfortable, to be the microphone bearers—carrying the mike to various people in the sanctuary during the joys and concerns time. Pastor Sue will be sending an e-mail out to those who have served in the past, as well as to incoming fourth graders, to begin to set up the schedule. If your child is interested, and they have not been an acolyte before, please contact Sue and she will set up a time to train any new acolytes.



Mark Your Calendar

September 11 - Fall Sunday School Start Up

October 22 - Bullying Workshop



We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Charles Calvin Crane, son of Amy & Stan, on July 24



Recent surgery...

Barbara Heckenbach, Curt Richards

Our sympathy to...

Mary Peterson & family on Bruce's sudden passing on August 1

The family of Phyllis Strosahl who passed away on July 10. She was the wife of one of our former associate pastors. Send condolences to: Stan Strosahl, 5833 American Parkway, #38, Madison, WI 53718.

Best wishes to...

Kristin Lukowitz & Adam Rogge who were married at WAUMC on June 11th



The family of Sarah Pease is grateful to God for her life, for your friendship, and for your kindness and prayers. Thank you to all in our church for your love & support during these difficult months. A special thanks to all those that helped for Sarah's service. It was comforting to see all the love & caring shown.
—Sarah Pease Family

2011 CROP Hunger Walk

It is time to plan for the 2011 CROP Hunger Walk. The CROP walk is an event where people of different faith communities, cultures, and ages come together to raise awareness and funds for local, state, country, and international hunger. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 9, at Milwaukee's Lakefront (McKinley Marina). Registration begins at 12:30pm and the walk begins at 1:30pm. There are two different distance options, 2 miles or 5 miles. This event is great for all ages! WAUMC has participated the last few years and would like to gather more participants this year. Car pool arrangements can be made if you'd prefer. If you'd like to participate, please contact Kristin. If you are unable to participate, please consider sponsoring the team with a monetary donation or a donation of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Hunger Task Force.

Our United Methodist Women are starting the year with each of its three circle meetings. New women are welcome. See if a time works for you.



United Methodist Women

Circle #1 meets at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of each month, September through May, except December and January. The first meeting will be on September 17 in the church library. The program is National United Methodist Women. If you have any questions, call Audrey Arndt at 414-462-3708.

Circle #2 meets the second Tuesday of the month in Wesley Hall at 9:30 am. They are in the process of selecting a study book and have read some very good ones in the past. If you have any questions, call Jean Nelson at 262-784-8979.

Circle #3 meets the second Tuesday of the month in the church library at 9:30 am. They will be studying "The Journey," this year's United Methodist Women's spiritual growth selection. Call Barb Kamerling, 262-781-8169, for more information.

United Methodist Women are committed to the global ministries of the church. A reminder of those taking part in the UM Reading Program: please get your individual lists of books read to the church library by the middle of September. There will be a folder for them. We hope you have enjoyed the books you have read.

New Additions in Your Church Library

Books for Adults:

956.04 *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*
by Jimmy Carter

Books Concerning Children/Youth:

155.4 *Discover: Skills for Life*
by Dr. Merita L. Thompson



Books for Children:

Bre *The Umbrella* by Jan Brett
Hen *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes
Mel *I Love You as Much*
by Laura Krauss Melmed
220.9 *Veggie Tales Bible Storybook*
Ken by Cindy Kenney

New Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities Coming to WAUMC

Back in January, members from our church met to start a strategic planning process. A portion of that group was charged with the task of analyzing and developing spiritual growth opportunities for all church members. Out of these brainstorming sessions, we decided to launch The Discipleship Project.

The Discipleship Project is a tool for stimulating, promoting and measuring adult spiritual education. It encourages people to take responsibility and initiative to go deeper in their faith; to do their own harvesting. The project combines personal and group goal setting, an open framework, and game-like appeal bringing adult spiritual growth to life.

So how does it work? The Discipleship Project is designed to meet each member's needs. Many of us are busier than ever and have unique interests. The project pulls from a wide variety of learning opportunities throughout the year. There are self-guided studies, books, videos or short term classes for those who prefer opportunities that may fit more easily into a busy schedule. There are opportunities like weekly classes offered at church, bible studies, and small group studies that may appeal to those who enjoy learning with others. There is also a wild card option which allows folks to create their own learning opportunities as they arise.

The Discipleship Project focuses on intentional spiritual growth. In order to foster intentional growth, each learning opportunity is given a credit value based particular criteria. (For example, reading a book may be worth 1 credit because it takes a shorter time to complete. Participating in the self-guided Bible Sampler may be worth 3 credits because it takes a bit longer to complete. A long-term Bible Study class may be worth 5 credits due to the length and commitment necessary to complete the opportunity.) Each member of the congregation is encouraged set a personal goal of earning 5 credits over the course of the year. As a congregation, we hope to reach our goal of 300 credits over the course of the year. The Discipleship Project will launch in the fall of 2011. Please watch the bulletin, church announcements, and Tower announcements for the specific launch date, a

how-to guide and available course opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to take on a more active role in The Discipleship Project, please contact Kristin.

“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them...” Luke 24:15

Confirmation Plans

Our Confirmation classes will soon be starting. We will meet generally every other Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Confirmation Room, 3rd floor. If you have an 8th grader in your household and you have not heard about this new class schedule, or were not a part of the parents/youth planning meeting in early summer, please contact Kristin so that we can make sure you are included in our class roster. Classes will be held:

Sept. 7, 21	Dec. 7	March 14, 28
Oct. 5, 19	Jan. 4, 18	April 18, 25
Nov. 2, 16, 30	Feb. 1, 15, 29	May 2

Confirmation Sunday will be May 6th at the 9:45am worship service.

Reminder: The Milwaukee Jewish Museum visit is scheduled for September 18th. We will leave the church at 12:15pm and return probably around 3:30pm. We will have a guided tour, learning more about Judaism, Jewish culture and how the Jewish community formed in Milwaukee. Any parents are welcome to accompany us.

3rd Grade Bible Distribution



On September 18th, all third graders will be receiving a bible as a gift from the church. If you have a third grader and have not received a letter regarding bible distribution, please contact Kristin as soon as possible. If you have received a letter, please make sure to return the bottom portion indicating that you will attend the September 18th worship service at 9:45am and how you would like your child's name printed in the bible.

Sandwich Service Project Dates



Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays August 20 and September 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

September 4:

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.

September 11:

Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

September 13:

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

October 2:

The next JELLO bucket Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sojourner Family Peace Center

Women and men are needed days, evenings and weekends to volunteer at Sojourner Family Peace Center. There are opportunities to volunteer on the Domestic Violence Hotline, with battered women and their children at their shelter, Sojourner Truth House, with children affected by domestic violence, with men and women in the Beyond Abuse Program, at their Restraining Order Clinic, & their Advocacy Office. Minimum of 3 hours each week for 6 months requested. A 13^{3/4}-hour evening training program begins September 13 and continues on September 15, 20, 22 & 27, from 5:30-8:15pm. Contact Melinda Wall Piraino at melindap@familypeacecenter.org or 414-933-2722 by September 9.

Ingathering for the Tosa Food Pantry



Please help our neighbors. The US Census Bureau indicates the overall Milwaukee County poverty rate is 19.6% Please bring 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!

Save a Life! Donate Blood! Blood Center Faces Critical Shortage

The need for blood donations increases during the summer months. 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.

2011 AIDS Walk Wisconsin Clay Matthews, Honorary Chair

AIDS Walk Wisconsin, a 5K fundraising walk, will take place on Saturday, October 1, along Milwaukee's lakefront. The route will start at the Summerfest grounds, go to the McKinley Marina, and finish in the Lakefront State Park. Registration is in the morning and the walk will start at 12:30 pm. Call 1-800-348-WALK to pre-register, or log onto www.aidswalkwis.org.

New Mitten Tree Chairperson & New Mitten Tree Shopper Needed for 2012

Mary Spearo has informed us that she will retire from coordinating the Mitten Tree after this year. We will be in need of a new Mitten Tree team leader for 2012. We are making the announcement early, so anyone interested can work with and learn from Mary this year.



We also need a new gift shopper, as our shopper extraordinaire, Nancy Rohde, is also retiring. Please call Mary at 414-475-0848 to discuss these positions.

Paul Webster Visit

Your mission committee thanks everyone who helped make Paul Webster's visit a success. Paul, our missionary in Mujila Falls, Zambia was accompanied by his assistant, André.

Over 50 people stayed after the church service to watch the PowerPoint presentation. (Thanks to David Vollmers for providing the computer equipment and help.)

The mission committee paid the hotel for Paul and André from our sales of cookbooks and Fair Trade Coffee. The mission committee had a check for Paul of \$200 from that account.

We had intended to take expenses from the lunch proceeds, but when we heard that Paul had personally paid André's airfare and needed money for treatment of André's impacted tooth, we decided to donate all of the lunch expenses. Generous free will offerings for the lunch came to \$482. An additional \$398.50 was given in church service offerings. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we were able to give Paul a total of \$1,074.50.

We will continue to share updates of the Mujila Falls mission as Paul returns to Zambia.

Back to School?!

Stores are beginning their back to school sales! Now is a great time to buy supplies to donate for our mission school bags.

We need:

- spiral notebooks
- 12-inch rulers with metric
- 24 packs of Crayola Crayons
- blunt school scissors
- 1" x 2" erasers
- enclosed pencil sharpeners

School supplies may be left in the blue bin near the grocery cart.

We also need volunteers to sew school bags. Thanks to a generous donation from Lois Corbett's friend, we have plenty of fabric you can use. Contact Carolyn Dressler at HOCAD@att.net for fabric and a pattern.



Imagine No Malaria

September 18 at 11:00 am

Join your mission committee in Fellowship Hall after the 9:45 am worship service on September 18 for a "Imagine No Malaria" Party! There will be crafts and stories for the kids, with food and lots to learn for all. Every 45 seconds, a child in Africa dies of malaria. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations... slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you.

It's time we all join hands with Africa
On a personal mission to heal
Imagine no malaria
Then make it real.
Over a million lives, we're gonna save
But only if you get involved today.
The bednets have been cast
But people can't slip through
Listen to the buzz inside of you.

Imagine No Malaria is more than just a campaign against a disease that kills children and destroys families. It's a movement, to make real change in the world. Join us as we work to end millions of needless deaths from this disease. For more information check out: www.imagenomalaria.org. If you would like to give to help end Malaria, you may make out a check to the church with Malaria in the note line.

If you would like to help on the 18th or can bring a dessert, please contact Carolyn Dressler at HOCAD@att.net

Schedule for Habitat Build Days

August 20 - Drywall

August 27 - Drywall

September 10 - Drywall

September 24 - Drywall

October 15 - Prime & paint interior

October 22 - Paint interior

The sign up book is in the church office for everyone to begin signing up! The address is 2509 North 22nd St., about 3 blocks north of North Ave. Best to take North Avenue to 20th Street & go north to Clarke Street, take a left (westbound) & another left (southbound) on 22nd Street since 22nd Street is one-way going south. Work hours are 9am-4pm. Please contact Anne Neafie with any questions you may at neafie@wi.rr.com or 262-797-6562.

Our Choirs Return and You're Invited

The summer is almost over and fall is upon us. Our choirs will be starting up again, so they are ready to bring their gifts of music to our worship services. If you or someone in your family has been thinking about joining one of our choirs, now is a prime time to put that thought into action. Take a moment to review the following information, jot down the dates in your calendars and plan to come and join in the fun of praising God with the sounds of music!!!

Cherub Choir: 4K, 5K, 1st Grades
Genevieve Jorn, Director - gkjorn@uwm.edu
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Troubadour Choir: 2nd - 6th Grades
Susan Watson, Director - littlemomelt@yahoo.com
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14
6:30 - 7:15 pm

Agape Praise Team: High School and up
Tim Karth, Director - tim.karth@sbcglobal.net
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14
7:00 - 7:30 pm

If you are interested in joining, please contact Tim Karth at tim.karth@sbcglobal.net or 414-476-5951 for more information. Tim will contact current members individually.

Tower Bells: High School and up
Martha Aslakson, Director - maslakson1@wi.rr.com
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7
6:15 - 7:15 pm

Chancel Choir: High School and up
Sheila Feay-Shaw, Director - feayshaw@uwm.edu
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 31
7:30 - 9:15 pm

Instrumental Ensembles: All Ages
Throughout the year, we would like to use instrumental soloists and ensembles during worship, but we need to know what instrument you play.

Everyone is welcome to come and try **any** of the choirs. Just show up at a rehearsal or talk with the director and you can get started. We hope to see all current members at our first rehearsals and hope that you invite new people to come and check us out. We ask that you save room in your busy schedules to be

involved in one (or more) of the music opportunities we offer.

In addition, you may register or get information about any of the choirs before and after the 9:45 service on **September 11 in Fellowship Hall**. Please stop by with questions, receive schedules and/or register for any of the above mentioned choirs or ensembles.

Summer Music Ministry

A great big thank you to all the people who shared their musical gifts throughout the summer. Our worship services were enriched, because your talents could be shared with the congregation. Throughout these summer weeks those musicians included: Sheila Feay-Shaw, Martha Aslakson, Julie Cullen, Kaitlin Cullen, Wendy Kamerling, Janet Smith, Carolyn Stuessy, Forrest Fink, "Walk-In" Choir, Tim Karth and family, Eric Brown, Marion Sodnik, Agape, Elena Caceras, Mary Beth Krause, Vocal Tapestry, Tess Vollmers, Carol & Bill Slaybaugh. And, a big thank-you to Janet Smith and Wendy Kamerling who helped create the summer special music schedule.



Join the Chancel Choir!



Have you been thinking about singing in the chancel choir? I bet you have come up with all sorts of excuses.

#1 - I can't make rehearsal every week. Except for Martha, our organist, and I, I don't think anyone else makes it all the time and even we have to be gone some times. We work 4-6 weeks ahead on music, so missing a rehearsal or two won't work as an excuse.

#2 - I can't be there every Sunday. Well, again sometimes people have to be out of town for work, or to visit friends. Life happens. We actually try to celebrate that with people. Some people we even encourage to be gone.

#3 - I don't really read music. I bet if you asked, many people currently in the choir, would say the same thing. I have been a teacher for 25 years. If you are willing to take a risk, I'll teach you how it works. It is really just a bunch of dots on the page. (cont. pg. 9)

#4 - I can't sing. That is like waving a red flag in front of a bull. To me it is a challenge. If you aren't sure, give me a call and we'll try things out on your own first.

Now it's my turn. Here are the reasons you should come join us.

#1 - We are a really fun group. Some nights I have to get the tenors to stop making jokes long enough so that we can rehearse. We try not to take things too seriously.

#2 - Singing is good for building lung capacity, and keeping your brain active. Laughing releases endorphins which is also a normal part of our night.

#3 - We are a prayerful group. We take time at the end of rehearsal to surround each other with prayer. We offer the support of good wishes, prayers for healing, job hunting, dissertation writing and any other opportunity that comes along.

You see, you really have no excuse and a lot of good reasons to join in. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm beginning August 31.

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Join the Conversation!

As one part of the WAUMC Strategic Planning process currently underway, the Strategic Planning team has decided to launch a Thursday night community outreach series. Beginning in September, speakers will come to WAUMC to present information in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall on a number of timely topics. These events will be publicized both in our church and to the Wauwatosa community.

Please plan to attend the speakers that interest you and bring your friends and neighbors!

Upcoming events and presenters include:

Financial Planning:

9/22/11 Just Starting Out
Jodie Lane Uvest Financial Services

9/29/11 Mid Career
Keith Black Heritage Investment Services

10/6/11 Retirement Planning
Jodie Lane Uvest Financial Services



"Greening" Your Home

10/13/11 Putting the Garden to Bed
Carolyn Dressler Master Gardener

10/20/11 Organizing Your Home
Joal Dauer Just Ask Me for Help.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!





News From Troop 21

Summer Camp 2011

Troop 21 has held our summer camp at the DNR Jag Lake Group Campsite for the past 42 continuous years. In 2011, 54 Boy Scouts and 37 adults attended summer camp at Jag Lake on July 16-23. Scouts completed 35 ranks and 109 merit badges. The weather included one heavy thunder storm and lots of heat and humidity, but no one remembers the weather due to having so much fun in camp. This year the Scouts participated in a Hawaiian Lulu camp theme with a pig roast on Sunday evening. Games included limbo, hula dancing in grass skirts and poi throwing. Overall, it was a great summer camp. Medical challenges ranged from a Scout with hypothermia one evening, to another Scout passing out due to heat exhaustion 3 days later, and finishing with Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Greg Hagopian saving a Scout by performing the Heimlich Maneuver to clear food choking him. Mr. Hagopian is our hero and a Scout has forever lost his appetite for bacon!

Camp Ammon: Wisconsin State Fair Service Camp

Camp Ammon is a co-ed Scout camp at the Wisconsin State Fair and is the last remaining State Fair youth service camp. Boy and Girl Scouts attend this service camp for the entire 12 days of the Wisconsin State Fair. They provide support in many forms, including: parking lot direction, grandstand ticket takers, message runners, flag ceremonies, special event support, and many other activities; including just having fun. Ten Troop 21 Scouts and one adult attended Camp Ammon this year.

Service Projects

Troop 21 is an active participant in providing community service. Troop 21 Scouts were involved in the following service activities this summer.

- Memorial Day - acted as Color Guard and ushered at the Wauwatosa ceremony
- July 4 - Troop 21 Scouts once again distributed the flags just before the parade
- July 9 - David Marklin lead a group of Scouts and adults in the clean-up of the Mitchell Park (The Domes) lagoon. Scouts were in hip boots and in

the water clearing trash from the water. Trash collected included two tires, a toaster oven, concrete blocks, an iron manhole cover, and lots of other disgusting stuff.

- July 11 - Troop 21 Scouts moved two very heavy file cabinets from an east side office to Wesley Hall for use by the music staff.
- Wauwatosa Historical Society's Firefly Art Fair - August 7-8, for the past 15 years Troop 21 Scouts have assisted by carrying the artwork and assisting artists with set-up and take-down of their tents and displays
- Eagle Scout service project for Scout Paul Gray - On August 20 & 28, Paul will lead volunteers in collecting donations for the Repairers of the Breach, a service organization in Milwaukee that provides shelter and services to the homeless. Paul will be collecting clothing and personal care items in neighborhoods of western Wauwatosa.

K'n'K

The K'n'K fellowship group will be starting out our year with a potluck in Fellowship Hall on September 10 at 5:30 pm. Anne Neafie will be telling us about her business, Golden Transitions, that specializes in estate sales, personal property appraisals and downsizing. She'll be sharing ideas about taking the stress and anxiety out of a move from your home to a condo, apartment, or senior living. Anne will include recommendations on when and how to begin the downsizing process in an effort to get prepared to make that move now rather than waiting until an emergency or crisis happens. We welcome any and all. If you would like to come, but didn't hear from a caller, please call Carol Slaybaugh at 262-547-7651.



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WAUWATOSA AVENUE UMC TO HOST WORKSHOP

Our church will be the site of the workshop “Bullies, Victims and Bystanders: a Seminar for Youth and Adults.” Please mark your calendar now if you would like to attend. The date is Saturday, October 22, and the time is 10am-5pm. This event is intended for middle and high school-age youth, school personnel, youth leaders, parents, and pastors. The cost is \$20 per person (includes lunch) and youth scholarship help is available.

Sadly, bullying over the internet, as well as in schools, has resulted in several recent suicide deaths. Even when death is not the end result, bullying can cause lasting psychological problems. Together, we can help stem the tide. During this one day workshop, participants will learn the causes of bullying, the impact on the victim and society, how to be empathetic, and what active steps both youth and adults can take to create a caring community that helps prevent bullying. Resource leaders will be David Levine, the founder and director of Teaching Empathy, and Lee Domann, a UM pastor from the Kansas East Annual Conference.

For more information and to register, contact the Wisconsin Conference UMC at 888-240-7328 or visit www.tinyurl.com/wacbully.

Also, feel free to ask Pastor Sue if you have any questions.

