



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2019

Serving since 1859!

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Just Joshin'

Happy summer everyone! I think it's safe to say that by now. Within the UMC schedule, summertime means that Annual Conferences are happening throughout our connection in the United States. This year, Wisconsin was one of the last conferences to hold its annual gathering. I write to you days after returning from that meeting.

A lot of folks were keeping eyes on the Annual Conference meetings around the country in light of what has been going on in our denomination and in preparation for General Conference 2020. From around the country, I don't believe anything surprising happened at any Annual Conferences. There were folks upset at the outcome of the Special General Conference of this past February and made statements saying so. Each Annual Conference elected their delegates, lay and clergy, to General and Jurisdictional Conferences 2020.

At our Annual Conference we had our normal time of worship and study to begin each day. We were led in times of worship by a team of our own clergy who are gifted musically. Our study on Saturday and Sunday morning was led by Peter Miano, Executive Director for the Society of Biblical Studies.

We heard reports from the many ministries taking place in Wisconsin and all seem to be doing pretty well. We received greetings from seminaries, neighboring bishops, and

ecumenical partners in ministry.

And then there's the business! Yay!

Here's a few of the things that were discussed and dealt with this year:

- 1) An updated conference policy on Safe Sanctuaries
- 2) Updated our covenant affiliation with some of the Health & Welfare ministries we support — Christian Community Homes & Services, Morrow Memorial Home, and Schmitt Woodland Hills
- 3) Conference budget was passed. It's 7% lower than last year.
- 4) We voted to change the conference policy on paying the General Church apportionments. A part of this change will also give churches some flexibility on where their apportionments go.
- 5) An offer to purchase the Conference building in Sun Prairie was turned down. It was deemed to be a poor offer.

This year we also elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. Wisconsin is allotted 3 clergy and 3 lay delegates to each conference.

As always, if there are any questions about Annual Conference, or the upcoming General Conference in May 2020, please feel free to ask.

Blessings,
Pastor Josh

United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, Inc. values the worth, dignity, and potential of each individual it serves, and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen. They would like to thank us for our generous donation to their facility. Our gift provides affordable housing, food, childcare, clothing and supportive services to those working to move out of poverty. Meeting the needs of individuals and families in our community is a continual challenge that could not be met without our support.

South Wood County Emerging Pantry Shelf would like to gratefully acknowledge our churches generous donation.

Wisdom Seekers

Every Thursday: 9:30 a.m.

Nar-Anon

Every Thursday: 6:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers

Every Tuesday 7:00 am

Every Wednesday 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Every Saturday 8:30 am

Narcotics Anonymous

Meets each day of the week as follows:

Monday's 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday's 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.

Thursday's 7:00 p.m.



MEN'S GROUP

**Come for Breakfast on
Wednesday,
August 7, 2019
8:00 a.m.**



All are Welcome!

Mission Notes

Noisy Collection

July 14, 2019 for

Melisa and Mujila Falls

Agriculture Centre in Zambia,

Africa. Paul Webster is

now retired from that

mission work, but his work

goes on...helping people

grow food for themselves and for

their livelihood.



July 21, 2019 is SWEPS Pantry Collection. Food, essentials, and cash are very much appreciated to support the pantry in its service to those in need.



COMMUNITY OF HOPE'S WORK IS GROWING AND REACHING MORE.

In addition to the service held after The Neighborhood Table on Thursdays, a Bible study is held on Thursday afternoon for River Cities Club House members, and a study of the video "Not A Fan" is happening on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm (Contact Jean Michaels for more information.)

YOU ARE INVITED to check out Love INC (In the Name of Christ) with which we have become partners. A one hour information session will be given with a building tour on Thursday, July 18. You can attend either the Noon session OR the 6 pm session. The address is 710 20th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids. (The bulletin board in the narthex has more information, or you can contact Jean Michaels.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

- 2 - Marcia Wright
- 4 - Hi Young Hong
- 5 - Bill Spaulding
- 5 - Wendy Boettcher
- 8 - Aida Harper
- 9 - Mackenzie Schulz
- 9 - Kaden Hicks
- 17 - Mike Dresen
- 19 - Valerie Nordin
- 25 - Jeff Anhalt
- 26 - Cody Russell
- 27 - Jean Michaels
- 27 - Cheryl Lauby
- 28 - Barb Moon
- 29 - Jenny Brawder

Happy Anniversary

- 9 - Vic & Barb Moon
- 9 - Norman & Auril Harding
- 10 - Scott & Judy Skinner
- 16 - Keith & Janet Hansen
- 23 - Garold & Evelyn Lampman
- 28 - Steven & Susan Andrews
- 30 - Brad & Stacey Russell

If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary or have it listed on the wrong date, please let us know so we can make the necessary corrections to our records. Thank you.

Prayer Calendar July

- 1 - Keith & Janet Hanson
- 2 - Norman & Auril Harding
- 3 - Gordon Harmon
- 4 - Glen & Aida Harper
- 5 - Eric, Vicki, Brian & Danny Henke
- 6 - Marlene Henke
- 7 - Hi Young & Im Hong
- 8 - Kevin, Tami, Riley & Owen Huiras
- 9 - Bob & Pam Ironside
- 10 - Hu & Betty Johnson
- 11 - Bill, Mandy, Caden & Wyatt Jungwirth
- 12 - Helen Jungwirth
- 13 - Shirley Klapperich
- 14 - Fred & Barb Kronenberg
- 15 - Darwin Lamb
- 16 - Garold & Evelyn Lampman
- 17 - Pat & Cheryl Lauby
- 18 - Bob & Carol Liska
- 19 - Judy Luing
- 20 - Chris Maguire
- 21 - Carole Manz
- 22 - Christopher Marshaus
- 23 - Bob & Wanda McIlvain
- 24 - Jack & Carol Metzger
- 25 - Jean Michaels
- 26 - Daniel Michalak
- 27 - Vic & Barb Moon
- 28 - Marty & Terry Nolet
- 29 - Nathalie Noonan
- 30 - Valerie Nordin
- 31 - Ashley, Kolt, Walker & Easton O'Keefe

Have a prayer request? Call the prayer chain:

Daytime: (9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.)

Lynn Swanson — **715-423-4407**

Evenings: (6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.)

Kathy Duerkop — **715-421-3396**



For encouragement,
call the prayer phone:
715-423-1323

Prayer Coordinator

Jeremiah 29:11-14

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.

This is one of my favorite scriptures. I find myself coming back to it time and time again when I need encouragement. Just listen to what it says. God has plans for our lives and they are good plans. Don't you wish you could know what they are? Wouldn't it be easier if we could see what he has planned for us in the future? But, we must believe that they are plans to prosper us and to give us hope and trust in the future. The only problem we have is that God also gave us free will. He does not force his plans on us and we can make poor decisions that sidetrack his plans. Then we must come back to him and call out to him – he says he will listen to us. We will find him when we seek him with all out hearts. Then as we commune with him, he will bring us back to his plans for us. He promises we will be able to find him again. So, we need to remember God's words from Jeremiah and place your trust in him. Seek him with all your heart and find his peace.

Let us pray: Almighty Lord of us all, help me remember that you created me and all in this universe of ours. We are your people and you love each on of us. What an awesome thought, Lord. As I go through my daily life, keep me aware that you are near and ready to listen to me when I call. Thank you for hearing me and loving me.

In Christ's Name, AMEN



July 2

10:00 am - Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH
6:00 pm - Bible Study

July 3

10:30 am - Disciplines

July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



July 5

9 - 11:00 am COH

July 8

4:30 pm Trustees

July 9

10:00 am - Bible Study
6:00 pm - Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH

July 10

10:30 am - Disciplines

July 11

2:00 pm - COH Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH

July 15

6:00 pm - Finance Meeting
6:30 pm - Council Meeting

July 16

10:00 am - Bible Study
10:00 am - SWEPS Meeting
6:00 pm - Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH

July 17

10:30 am - Disciplines

July 18

2:00 pm - COH
6:00 pm - COH

July 23

10:00 am - Bible Study
6:00 pm - Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH
6:00 pm - Mission U

July 24

10:30 am - Disciplines

July 25

2:00 pm - COH Bible Study
4:30 pm - TNT
6:00 pm - COH

July 30

10:00 am - Bible Study
6:00 pm - Bible Study
6:00 pm - COH

July 31

10:30 am - Disciplines

Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

Pastor Joshua's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Church Office Phone

715-423-8860

Pastor Joshua's Phone No.

Cell: 920-896-3976

E-mail Addresses

Church Office: umc@wctc.net

Pastor Joshua: joshuapegam3@gmail.com

Church Website

www.umcwr.org

Sunday Services

9:00 am - UMC Worship Service
10:00 am - Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am - Youth Group/Sunday School

The Neighborhood Table

The last two Tuesdays of the month: 4:30 p.m.
Every Thursday: 4:30 p.m.