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Please join us for the

2016 Vacation Bible School July 25-29, 2016 9:00am to 12:00pm

All children from age 3 through 6th grade are invited to attend!

Full color rack cards are available in the Narthex. Please take some and distribute at your work, to your neighbors and places you patronize to spread the word.

We are excited to be partnering with our friends from Apostle Presbyterian Church again and so happy to announce that Mt. Hope Lutheran will also be joining us. VBS will be held here at First Church in the Surf Shack from 9am-12:00pm.

Our coins of love during this time will be donated to the Wisconsin Humane Society's PAL Program which seeks to increase self-esteem and pro-social skills like empathy and conflict resolution, which research shows decreases a child's likelihood of becoming involved in violence.

Catch the wave of God's amazing love!

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Pastor's Column



Summer is a great time to set up automatic giving to the church. Click the Online Giving link on our website to sign up. Our online giving is administered by Vanco Services. Your personal information is safe with Vanco.

We have some fun, exciting, and experimental things planned for worship this summer. Each Sunday will have a theme. The theme services are ones you will feel comfortable inviting a friend to visit our church. To make their Sunday even more enjoyable, take your friends out for lunch after worship.

Pastor Gary

SUMMER SUNDAY THEMES

On June 19, Father's Day we will honor fathers with a small gift and a video tribute to fathers. Plan your own activity after worship to celebrate your father.

On June 26, Pastor Mao Her will preach at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Gary will preach at Christ United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

On July 3, Pastor Gary will offer the first of four summer sermons that are in a sermon series, "God at the Movies." Pastor Gary will note connections between our lives and the world of a particular movie. We will explore gospel themes and teachings in the movie. While not necessary, you may wish to view the movie ahead of time. Our first film will be "Brooklyn."

Overview

"Brooklyn" follows Eilis Lacey, a young Irish immigrant who arrives in New York in the 1950's. While at first Eilis feels homesick for Ireland, those feelings fade away after she meets and falls in love with Tony, a rugged Italian plumber. After a death in her family, Eilis is forced to return home to Ireland, where she meets another man with whom she develops feelings. Torn between her love for both countries and both men, Eilis is forced to come to terms with her feelings and make tough decisions that will affect the rest of her life. Would you please consider wearing either green or red, white, and blue for worship?

July 10 will be "Summer High Attendance Sunday." We will pull out all the stops and try to have our highest summer attendance for worship. We're going to offer helpful means to increase attendance. We will do that by removing as many obstacles to worship attendance as possible. Here are a few examples:

- We will have protective helmets and fire extinguishers available for those who say: "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Or, "I would spontaneously combust if I ever set foot into a church."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are not comfortable.
- We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those that feel the church is always asking for money.
- A putting green will be available for those who feel closest to God on the golf course.
- For the fishermen we will stock a pool with fish
- Nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

We'll also have the second sermon in Pastor Gary's summer preaching series, "God at the Movies," focusing on the connection between Christian living and "The Lady in the Van."

Overview

Some true stories make the best stories. Miss Mary Shepherd, or "Miss S.," was an eccentric woman who lived out of a van. English playwright Alan Bennett met her in the early 1970's when her van broke down near his home. With complaints by neighbors about her being parked on the street and interruptions to his work because he often witnessed children tease her, Bennett allowed her to live temporarily in the van in his front garden. After Bennett befriended her and started to see the world through her eyes, he allowed her to stay until her death 15 years later.

July 17 will be Sundae Sunday. Bring your sweet tooth for the ice cream sundaes served following worship.

July 24 will be Surfer Sunday. The church will be decorated for the surfer theme of our Vacation Bible School the following week. Wear informal beach clothes if you wish. Brush up on surf music and beach blanket bingo.

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July 31 will be Hassle-Free Christmas Sunday. Wouldn't it be great to celebrate Christmas without the stress of Christmas baking, decorating, and shopping for gifts? Of course it would. Come for a Hassle-Free Christmas. Sing favorite Christmas carols; enjoy the Christmas decorations; focus on what's most important about Christmas.

August 7 will be Grandparents and Grandchildren's Sunday. Grandparents, please encourage you grandchildren to come to worship. Grandchildren are encouraged to invite gramma and grandpa to church. Our VBS students will be featured in a short video celebrating their relationship with their grandparents.

On **August 14** Pastor Gary's "God on Film" sermon series continue with a look at the movie, "The Finest Hours."

Overview

Based on actual events, this is the dramatic retelling of what is still thought to be one of the most heroic small boat rescues in the U.S. Coast Guard's history. In 1952, one of the worst blizzard-like storms ever to hit the New England coastline crippled an oil tanker off the Cape Cod coast, nearly ripping the ship in two. Fighting against time, four Coast Guard members set out in a tiny lifeboat, braving 70-foot high waves and frigid temperatures as they try to rescue the more than 30 stranded sailors trapped aboard the vessel before it sinks.

On **August 21** we're having a picnic at McCarty Park! Eat, talk, and swim to your heart's content.

On **August 28** Pastor Gary's "God on Film" sermon series will conclude with a look at "Joy."

Overview

"Joy" is a 2015 American biographical comedy-drama film, written and directed by David O. Russell and starring Jennifer Lawrence as Joy Mangano, a self-made millionaire who created her own business empire. Mangano was a divorced mother with three children in the early 1990s when she invented the Miracle Mop and became an overnight success, after which she patented many other products, often selling on the Home Shopping Network and QVC. The film is a semi-fictional and inspirational portrayal of how Mangano overcame personal and professional obstacles to rise to the top.

ADULT EDUCATION THIS SUMMER!



We will be rotating class activities starting Sunday, May 29th through September 4th at 9:00am in the Small Dining Room.

May 29 and June 5—Video of God of Wonders-Exploring the Wonders of Creation, conscience and the Glory of God

June 12—"Mats for the Homeless" - prep work

June 19—Essential oils in spiritual practice then and now

June 26—Rick Steves travel to Israel—Video

July 3—Plastic canvas pocket crosses for us and Larry Under the Bridge lunch bags

Watch the bulletin, Messenger or website for more classes for July and August.

Music Notes



Believe it or not, planning is already in the works for fall/winter music! It is not too early to start thinking about music memorials or gifts for the fall, advent, and Christmas season. If you are interested in giving the gift of an anthem to someone, please come talk to one of us. We are happy to discuss options of music and which choir would sing or ring it for you. This program is an essential part of the music ministry at our church and we are so blessed by your support.

—Alyssa and Raymond Roberts

S & E NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship and Endowment Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for fall of 2016-17 school year. Applications are available in the mailbox outside the church office. First time applicants need to have two letters of reference from school and a church member. This year's scholarships have been increased to \$1,500. Any questions call Anne Reuther (414-425-2612). Applications must be in by June 15, 2016.



Building Relationships Celebrating Fellowship Serving Together Praying For One Another

Michele Tegen, Director of Family Ministries



Youth Worship Night

June 14 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm Community UMC of Elm Grove is hosting a Worship Night open to any and all high school youth that want to be a part of some awesome music lead by the

multi-talented Zach Pietrini and the sermon-stylings of Kellen Roggenbuck. The event will include some (light) snacks, games and, of course, a great worship experience. Please join us and invite your friends too! We will carpool to the event so please let Michele Tegen know if you're able to come.

Flat Jesus He came – He saw – He's back!

And this summer we're taking it up a notch. We have two games prepared for you and Flat Jesus to play this summer – FJ BINGO and FJ TREASURE HUNT.

Pastor Gary has some fabulous prizes for the winners including making them dinner & dessert, throwing pies at his face, making him into a "human ice cream sundae" and more!

Pick up your Flat Jesus (and now in keychain sizes too!), BINGO cards and TREASURE HUNT slips in the Narthex.















ADVENTURE DAY!

\$aturday, June 25th 9:30am — 4pm PAINTBALL, \$WIMMING, ARCHERY, GAMES AND MORE

Invite a friend and join us for this opportunity for family bonding and church growth. We will head on down to *Promised Land Park* for an entire day of fun and fellowship.

We can bring ANY food and drinks into the park or purchase them there for a very reasonable price. The fee depends on the activities you would like to participate in.

Please register with Michele Tegen no later than June 13th.

*Due to the nature of this event it is for everyone ages 12 and up.

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HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE



By Pat Shapiro, R.N.

The <u>Diabetes Support Group</u> will meet on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Library Square. Topic: Complication Prevention. We will be taking a summer break during the months of July and August and resume on Sept. 15^{th.} This group is open to the community and ALL are welcome.

While browsing in our church library be sure to review the Health and Wellness Periodicals that are in binders located on the top of the middle shelf. They contain the latest research on many interesting subjects.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE! SCOOP ON THE GROUP

by Laurie Halvorsen, director

Summer has finally arrived and we have three new exciting one-day coach trips in June and August. Space is available and they are open to all!! Come and join us!!

SUMMER TRIPS

JUNE 22ND- WISCONSIN TRAIL'S - Kohler to Two Rivers - Adult's \$79 / Youth \$69 (11/Under) Inclusive - Grandparent's/Grandchildren's Tour We visit the Kohler Design Center, the London Alpaca Farm, lunch at the Light House Inn, Hamilton Wood & Print Museum & the Washington House – a fun day!!

AUGUST 3RD - CHICAGO - The Windy City!

Adult \$98 / Youth \$78 (12/under) - Grandparent's/

Grandchildren's Tour. We visit the Shedd

Aquarium, lunch on your own at the Navy Pier and take an Architectural Cruise – a super fun day!!

AUGUST 31ST- FIRESIDE-"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" Reservations Required We depart from the church at 9:30 am - \$ 88.00 Inclusive.

Please contact Laurie Halvorsen for a promotional brochure or the church office if you are interested in any of these day trips. They are open to all and you do not need to be a Sr. League member.

Our next meeting dates are:

June 1: 12:00 Noon

Lunch: Italian Bomber, Pasta Salad, Chips,

Strawberry Sundaes

Program: Dr. Kaplan Aurora West Allis; Joint

Replacement Surgery Devotions: Bill Winston

June 15: 12:00 Noon

Lunch: Sandwich Variety, Vegetable Tray,

Watermelon, Brownies

Program: Zoo Program: Conserving Endangered

Species; Jessie Franz Devotions: Val Holzman

July 6: 12:00 Noon

Lunch: Cookout! Burgers, Brats, Baked Beans, Chips

& Cookies

Program: Al Anderson, Trombone "Songs of America"

Devotions: Anne Reuther

July 20: 12 Noon

Lunch: Salad Potluck, Rolls, Ice Cream Treats

Program: Hot Air Ballooning Program with Don Gilpin

Devotions: Dorothy Thoms

FALL COLOR TRIP: SEPTEMBER 26TH- 30TH, 2016

Michigan's Gold Coast & Frankenmuth, A 5 day/4 night fall adventure! See Laurie Halvorsen for a promotional brochure if interested Please join us!!

Come and join the wonderful fellowship group for Seniors at FUMC in 2016!!

Senior League & Friends Rhine Cruise in 2017

There is still time to sign up if you are interested in coming along with us next year when we are going on a European Rhine Cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. The dates are June 2-11, 2017. We have 14 people signed up for this exciting trip. This trip is being planned through Lorrie Zinda, travel consultant with Viking Travel Service. For more information or to sign up, contact Lorrie Zinda at 414-322-5799 or Izinda@vikingtvl.com.

THE BERNICE NAILEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Below is a listing of Native American book titles available in The Bernice Nailen Memorial Library. For an annotated listing and display of these titles, please visit the library. Also, remember to take a magazine or leave a magazine from the magazine basket. These magazines do not need to be checked out or returned. Keep reading this summer!

NATIVE AMERICAN TITLES

Adult Nonfiction

Dreaming in Indian: contemporary Native American voices edited by Lisa Charleyboy. (970.1 C38) (UMW Reading 2016 – Youth – Nurturing for Community)

Every Day Is a Good Day: reflections by contemporary Indigenous women by Wilma Pearl Mankiller. (970.1 M31)

Mankiller: a chief and her people by Wilma Mankiller. (973.089 M31)

Songs of Rita Joe: autobiography of a Mi'Kmaq poet by Rita Joe. (920 J59)

Adult Fiction

Caleb's Crossing: a novel by Geraldine Brooks. (F B79)



The House of Purple Cedar by Tim Tingle. (F T49) (UMW Reading 2016 - Nurturing for Community) **The Round House** by Louise Erdrich. (F Er2) (UMW Reading 2015 – Nurturing for Community)

Tilly: a story of hope and resilience by Monique Gray Smith. (F G79) (UMW Reading 2016 – Spiritual Growth)

Children's Titles

Fatty Legs: a true story by Christy Jordan-Fenton. (J920 F36) (UMW Reading 2013 – Youth – Nurturing for Community)

A Native American Thought of It: amazing inventions and innovations by Rocky Landon. (J609.7 L23) (UMW Reading 2014 – Youth – Leadership Development)

Sequoyah: the Cherokee man who gave his people writing by James Rumford. (J975 R86)

Buckley, Ray.

Author/illustrator Ray Buckley is of Lakota/Tlingit/Scots descent. Ray is one of several Native leaders profiled in *As Long As the Waters Flow* by Frye Gillard. Three of Buckley's works for children are in our library: *The Give-Away: a Christmas story.* (C Easy B855g), *God's Love is Like...* (C Easy B855), and *The Wing.* (C Easy B855w).



Monday, June 20 at 5:30pm
All Welcome!

I Love Growing Older but I Will Never Grow Old

Our Book Club will meet on Monday, June 20th at 5:30pm to discuss "I Love Growing Older but I Will Never Grow Old." Rev. J. Ellsworth Kallas guides us towards making healthy choices while growing older.



Check it out!

www.fumcwa.org

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United Methodist Women

Annette Intravaia, President

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We had a fantastic evening on May 4th making "Mats for the Homeless." We began the evening with a salad buffet that had an array of salads that were simply fabulous and I don't believe there were any duplicates! We topped that off with a variety of pies. Following the salad buffet, we began making the mats. We had 50 people in attendance from teens to those in their 90's! We also were pleased to have 7 men join us for this project. Dave Carlson even brought his paper cutter with him! We had a great time with some folding the bags, others that cut them into strips, those that rolled them into spools, and 7 ladies to crochet.

I would like to thank Val Holzman, who brought the idea to our group. This will be an on-going project for our group. We hope to have another work day in the coming months because we had such a positive response. If you would like to be a part of this project, watch for information on our next work day or contact me or any other UMW member. The blue basket in the Narthex will contain spools for those of you who will continue to crochet the mats. Thanks again for all of you who joined us and worked so hard while having a good time in conversation with one another. I feel very blessed to be a part of this loving church family!

Upcoming events:

Monday, June 13th—Unity Circle will meet at Open Flame at 11:30am for lunch. If you would like to join us, please call me (414-257-4166) so that I can include you in the reservations. If you need a ride, please let me know.

We will be taking a break for our Unity Circle for the summer months, but will resume our meetings in September. We hope you will consider joining us when we meet again! Have a great summer with renewal of body and spirit.

Fri. & Sat., July 15th & 16th - Church Rummage Sale—SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE!! If you would like to help in the set-up the week before and/or the rummage sale, please let me or Joanna Schachtely know. We would appreciate any help whether it is a day or several days. We have a lot of fun while working! Please join us, you will be glad you did!!!

<u>Sat., October 15th—Holiday Rummage Sale</u>—Watch for details in the coming months!

Milestones in the Lives of our Church Family

WE ARE REMEMBERING...

Mary Harris
Passed Away on May 9, 2016
Mother of Linda Sather



I'm writing from southern Illinois near St. Louis. I'm the younger son of Irene and Harold Witte. My brother Mark, who heard about the bell concert through Mr. William Bryant, told me about it. We were members way back in the late 60's through 70's, from junior high through some of college. I'm touched that you've celebrated this milestone which still bears my father's name. God Bless you all and all your hard work.

- Michael Witte, USAF

We are so grateful to all of the teachers, leaders and youth that took part in our Sunday School program this past year. Especially to our Education Chairs, Deb Semrad and Kari Andrew, who research curriculum, plan and coordinate the classes. The most precious gift we can offer is the gift of our time and they dedicate their time, gifts and talents each week to ensure that our youth develop a relationship with Jesus Christ, with each other and learn the wisdom of the Bible. Thank you for blessing our church family!

Teachers & Leaders: Deb Semrad, Dorothy Meyer, RoseAnn Ting, Laurie Halvorsen, Betty Grypp, Christine Jolitz, Michelle Fuller, Kari Andrews and Lance Lambert.

Michele Tegen, Family Ministries

We would like to thank all our church family for the prayers and well wishes in regard to our grandson, Tyler Grimmer. It sure did help us all (including Tyler), giving us strength during a very difficult time. Thankfully, Tyler is home and doing very well. He is gaining strength and recovering.

Rex and Jeanette Grimmer

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 10-13 IN MIDDLETON

Sunday, June 12 is during the Annual Conference which Pastor Gary is required to attend. Julie Bryson will fill the pulpit.

RUMMAGE SALE Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th



Bring items the week of July 10th. NO CLOTHING PLEASE!! We will accept shoes and purses. We will hold a **separate holiday sale** on Saturday, October 15th, so please do not bring holiday decorations to the rummage sale. More info will come in the coming months about both events.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Gary is considering a 30-week long Bible study in the fall, possibly led after the 11:00 service. The study, *Jesus in the Gospels*, is very similar to one of the Disciple Bible Studies and both were created by the same people. The format is similar. Each session is 60 to 90 minutes. This is the publisher's description of the study:

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS is a 30-week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" Study the names, the places, and the people—and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control, as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

One of the principal approaches used in the study is the reading and comparing of the differences and similarities in the Gospel accounts of the same events.

If you would be interested in participating in the study, please contact Pastor Gary.

Prayer for the Month



The Spiritual Formation Resource Team of the General Conference invites all Wisconsin United Methodists to a year of prayer for and about the work of our General Church. General Conference will met May 10-20, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference will meet July 13-16, 2016 in Peoria, Illinois, where they will elect four new bishops for our jurisdiction.

June: Pray for Wisdom

PRAYER: Lord, lead us into your deep wisdom. Open our souls to the wonder of your creation. Awaken us to the radiance of your presence, that light may dwell in us and guide us in the working of your Word.

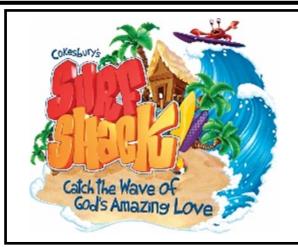
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Job 42:3, 5—"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.... I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you."

July: Pray for Discernment

PRAYER: Open our eyes and our hearts to be able to discern your loving will together. May your love be the root of all that we do and decide. Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Philippians 1:8-11—For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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This year's theme is <u>SURF SHACK: Catch the</u> <u>Wave of God's Amazing Love</u>. The program is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based curriculum that gives children the chance to become Surfers and explore how to serve God and experience God's amazing presence in their lives.

Surf's up! Join the children of Apostle Presbyterian, First United Methodist and Mount Hope Lutheran as they encounter God's awesomeness as they experience an epic adventure each day.

The Surf Shack is a fun program that is sure to get everyone excited about God's mission in their lives. Registration will open mid- June. Check with the church office for a registration form.

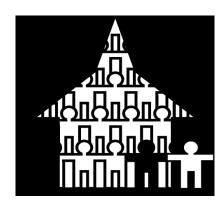
Each day we will hear and participate in Bible storytelling, make fun crafts, play games, and share what we are learning as we sing energetic music with easy hand motions. There will also be a discovery time when children will experience engaging science experiments. And of course, children will enjoy a daily snack. Nursery care will also be provided. Each family who registers will receive a free music CD of all of the beach themed music! This year there is also a free Surf Shack app.

The mission project will be the PAL Program at the Wisconsin Humane Society and we ask that all of our VBS kids bring some change each day that will be collected during the opening session for the mission project. We will have special speakers and a surprise guest for the mission project.

On Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, the children will present a VBS program with word and song. Afterward, all will enjoy an ice cream treat. And on Friday the wonderful week of new friends and learning will end with a hot dog lunch.

Come to the Surf Shack (First United Methodist Church, 7520 West Lapham Street) for an ocean of excitement! The Surfers and Lifeguards will glide through the week on an amazing fun-filled wave.

Your Surf Shack VBS Team



New Members Welcome

"As members of First United Methodist Church of West Allis, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?"

Persons interested in church membership should contact Pastor Gary:

Church: 414-774-5500



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8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Disciple II

9:00am Adult Christian Education

8:15am to 11:15am Nursery Care through Age 4

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday - 9:00am to 1:00pm CLOSED—Friday - Saturday - Sunday

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Elevator Large Print Bulletins
Hearing Enhancement Aids



Are you moving?

Please contact the church office with your new address!!





Sunday, August 21st in

McCarty Park

Picnic Area #3 - 3:30pm

Pool reserved from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Food, games, s'mores= fun for the entire family!

Join in the fellowship. We've reserved the pool

just for us - bring a friend!

We will provide: main dish, lemonade, water, utensils and s'mores.

Please bring: dish to pass, beverage (if interested in something other than lemonade), swimsuit, towel, lawn chair, bug spray and smiles!