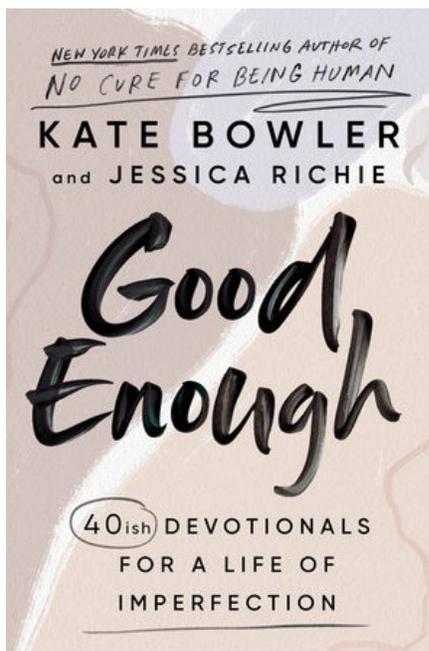




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## Lenten Book Study



This Lent join a Zoom group with Pastor Kelly as we journey through Lent. Get Kate Bowler's new book, "Good Enough", from your favorite bookseller and download her free reflection guide [here](#). The group will meet for accountability, discussion and mutual support weekly on Wednesdays from 12 noon - 1 p.m., launching on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. "Sign up" for the study with Tabitha by [emailing](#) the church office or by calling the office at 414-425-7030 to receive the weekly Zoom invite and to be included in Pastor Kelly's prayers as you journey this 2022 Lenten Season. Everyone is welcome!

## Special Announcement

Bishop Jung has announced the retirement of two of our District Superintendents effective July 1, 2022. One the Superintendents is ours, the SE District Superintendent, Rev. Forrest Wells. The incoming SE District Superintendent is Rev. Ebenezer Insor. Pastor Kelly invites you to join her in praying for these persons and for the entire Cabinet during this time of transition in the days ahead.

## A Word from Pastor Kelly



Greetings Friends!

*“It is for the sake of Christ and His mission that our congregation exists. By simplifying our church structures, we are creating an environment where ministry can thrive.” “Mission Possible”, p.12*

As I lean into February, grateful that Lent begins late this year, not until March 2, I am taking time with our Leadership Board to really discuss the future of Our Lord’s – what it can look like, who can help lead us and how we can capitalize on our assets in ways we haven’t before. This dialogue runs alongside our dreaming and our hope as we listen for God’s voice and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I am grateful for this team and I invite you to join me in praying for them regularly. Their work is to hold up these large questions for the whole community so that it undergirds our individual areas of ministry, interest and passion. We’re still navigating our way, as a Board, allowing more people to be about the work, and joy, of ministry.

Back issues of SALT have listed a leadership quote from Leading Ideas for your consideration. This year I will be quoting from the ALB’s foundational resource, “Mission Possible” by Kay Katan and Blake Bradford with hope that it will provide insight and interest in the important work of the ALB.

May God bless the Accountable Leadership Board of Our Lord’s UMC in this pivotal year of leading the Church. May they know the Body of Christ is supporting them in prayer and in deed as we join together being God’s people in this place.

*“ALB leaders are mature disciples who can set aside person agendas or favorite ministries and lead the work of the whole church toward Christ’s mission. They can/will have diverse perspectives, not simply represent different ministries.” “Mission Possible”, p. 34*

Peace be with each of you,  
Pastor Kelly

## Point of Connection

Virtually connect Tuesdays and Fridays on  
**Point of Connection**  
 @ 9:30 a.m.

Live on Pastor Kelly's [Facebook](#) page and  
 then posted on the church [website](#).



Abbi Springer	2/4	Karen Haubert	2/21
Cindy Long	2/5	Cassie Darnall	2/23
Larry Cichucki	2/10	Julie Knuth	2/24
Elijah Ware	2/11	Max Mainwood	2/25
Jessie Kesler	2/11	Julie Blotz	2/26
Amy Kesler	2/12	Marcia Gratz	2/27
Sam Gorzek	2/16		

## Regarding Worship and Group Meetings: Re-Entry Team Update

As the end of January approaches, the COVID and variant contraction numbers across the state of WI continue to be very high. The Re-Entry Team, with the continuing review of WCC (Wisconsin Council of Churches) and WI UMC COVID Task Force recommendations has determined that the safest course of action is to remain in virtual mode through the month of February for groups and weekly worship.

Sunday worship for February will be broadcast live on [Facebook](#) and audiocast out into the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. CT. Each weekly service of worship will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel and our [website](#) within 24 hours of the live broadcast. Worship materials will be posted on the website for your convenience.

Holding hope for the decline of virus contractions by the end of February we will begin the Lenten season with in-person worship on Wednesday, March 2, with 'drive through' imposition of ashes from 4 – 6 p.m. and a 30-minute service of worship beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our established in-person protocols will remain in effect; masks will be required when inside the building, physical distancing will be observed and singing will be gently and minimally-included in our worshipping.

The Finance Team offers gratitude for the many financial gifts you have offered via snail mail and through VANCO, the giving portal on the church website. I join them in offering my appreciation for your faithfulness as we continue to do the work of the church each and every day – the pandemic does not inhibit the work of God through Our Lord's UMC!! Please offer your financial support for February via mail or the [website](#) knowing that your gifts are valued and important to this Body of Christ.

Join me in continuing to pray for healing for those ill with COVID and for safety for everyone who ventures outdoors or engages with friends or family in these days.

I give thanks for the worship technology and the hands who create and operate it. If you need a tablet or instruction on how to view virtual worship on your own device, please seek out Wendi Haubert or Dave Smith through the church office (414-425-7030) and let Tabitha know that you'd like help with virtual worship.

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Let us continue to seek the Light of God through this Epiphany season as we journey together as the Body of Christ knowing that Love Never Ends through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Questions/comments about building use or Our Lord's pandemic protocols can be directed to the Re-Entry Team: Dave Smith, Paul Davis, Pat Mehring or Pr. Kelly.



We are very grateful for our professional partnerships with *AJ Special Services*, who handles the cleaning and custodial needs of our church building, and *EZ Lawn Cuts*, who takes care of our lawn and plows our parking lot during the winter months.

## 2022 Giving Envelopes

Everyone should have either received or been contacted directly about their 2022 RECYCLED giving envelopes. (We are using unused envelopes from past years for 2022.) If you would like to receive a package of giving envelopes or have questions about online donating, please contact Wendi Haubert at the Finance Office at 414-425-7030 or by [email](#).

## February Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 2/1	Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 2/6	Worship Service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 2/8	Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 2/13	Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 2/15	Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 2/20	Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, 2/21	Re-Entry Team Meeting via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
Monday, 2/21	March SALT articles due
Tuesday, 2/22	Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 2/22	ALB Meeting, Zoom only, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 2/27	Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.



## Monday Funday



Hello everyone! Our group meets the third Monday of each month from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room. We will not be meeting in February, but please mark March 21st, April 18th and May 16th on your calendars. Hopefully, we will be meeting in-person then, so plan on coming to join us.

Here is a nice Friendship poem for February:

Friendship is like a chain of gold,  
so precious to have and to hold.  
It grows in value as the years go by,  
and the pleasure it brings is will never die.  
True friendship is strong and will always remain  
like the unbroken chain.



### RULES of FRIENDSHIP

1. Remember - "What would Jesus do?"
2. You need to like (love) yourself.
3. Be a friend to have a friend.
4. Share freely.
5. Be a friend-in good or bad times.
6. Helping or giving, when needed.
7. Work together.
8. Be a good listener.
9. Be non-judgmental.
10. Be trustworthy.
11. Never ask anything that you aren't willing to do.
12. Supply unconditional love.
13. Don't hesitate to give a compliment/praise.
14. Remember God Loves You.
15. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!

## Church and Society: Things to Consider in 2022

“United Methodists create change together through civic engagement on behalf of those Jesus lifted up in the Sermon on the Mount. At the local, regional, national and international level United Methodists act on behalf of the poor, the oppressed, the hurt, the exploited, the misunderstood and the forgotten by calling on civic and community leaders to enact compassionate and just laws and policies.” This statement can be found on the Church and Society Resource page [here](#).

We know we are called to create change. We know we are called to stand for justice. We are called to do that together. Exactly how do we do that in a politically charged polarized atmosphere which seems to follow us everywhere we go? While there is plenty of blame being thrown around from political parties each blaming the other side, citizens blaming politicians and media, often times the last place we wish to look is at our own hearts.

Jesus knew what was in the hearts of people, how blinded folks can become to the logs in their own eyes while pointing out the logs in the eyes of others. We each carry bias which we may be aware of, yet we often operate out of unchallenged beliefs which keep us comfortable, safe, and far away from people in need.

As we begin a new year as a church seeking understanding, standing for justice, and celebrating unity, a place we can each begin is to prayerfully consider the lens through which we see our world. While we need to be informed citizens, as Christians we need to carefully consider the voices to which we choose to listen, particularly as we consider social justice issues. Do we spend more time listening to voices which confirm our long-held beliefs than we do to listening to God through scripture and prayer? Can we see those we disagree with as people loved by God or do we find ourselves hating those we feel are against us? Are we sincerely asking the Holy Spirit to adjust our own lenses, to transform us into people willing to choose the path of justice?

These are all hard questions worthy of wrestling together with as siblings in Christ. Please take time to check out the Church and Society webpage (link [here](#)). I would welcome your ideas and thoughts after you have spent time with the information included there. Also, if you would be interested in a study on types of bias, please feel free to contact me at [mschulz52@yahoo.com](mailto:mschulz52@yahoo.com) or text me at 414-559-7848. I would so appreciate joining together in a learning opportunity with fellow “wrestlers”.

*Submitted by Mary Schulz*



With the month of February being known as the month of love, here is a verse and prayer for you:

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”* Psalm 118:29 NIV

May the Lord awaken you to fresh and powerful revelations of His love. May He stir in you a deep desire to read His Word and stand on His promises. May He lift you up so you can see your life from His perspective. May He give you fresh conviction and discipline to say no to lesser things, so you can say yes to His best plan for you. May the God who created you fill you up with great joy in your heart that makes you glad and others smile. May the wisdom He gives to you bless many as you speak love to those around you. May you wrap yourself up in this wonderful truth: That absolutely nothing can separate you from His love. (Romans 8:38) Trust in Jesus with your whole heart and see what true love will do! Amen.

Note: Please know your church family loves you too and is near to support you, so call the office if there is a need.

*Submitted by Rebecca Radick*



We are unable to send out college care boxes at this time. We would like your child's/student's current school addresses to send one around the Easter season. Please contact the church office at 414-425-7030 or by [email](#) if you'd like your student to receive a care box. Thanks for your help!

## Water With Blessings

One of the continuing projects of the UMW Mission Crafters is knitting filter socks for the Water With Blessings ministry. This interfaith ministry works to provide clean, safe drinking water to children and adults in communities that don't have access to it or where the cost of obtaining clean water is too high. Below is a note of thanks from Water With Blessings for the recent donation of filter socks by the Mission Crafters. To learn more about this ministry, visit their [website](#). In addition to filter socks and monetary donations, they are also in need of used smartphones for use in the field. If you'd like to donate a used smartphone, mail it to:

Water With Blessings  
1902 Campus Place Suite 11  
Louisville, KY 40299

Dear Friends,  
Because of your  
donation of filter  
socks many more  
of God's thirsty  
children will have  
clean water.  
Thank you  
very much.  
Blessings!  
Emily  
WWB - Volunteer



info@waterwithblessings.org  
502-749-5492  
1902 Campus Place, Unit 11, Louisville, KY 40299  
www.waterwithblessings.org

# A Letter of Thanks

We received this letter of thanks from The Cathedral Center for our donation in November, 2021. Thank you again to all who gave so generously!



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December 14, 2021

ATTN: Linda Suminski  
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Dear Linda,

Thank you for choosing to support Cathedral Center. Every day, with your help, we fulfill our mission by providing a shelter, pairing guests with case management services, offering opportunities to increase income, and connecting guests to safe and stable housing options.

On behalf of the Cathedral Center's board of directors, staff, and hundreds of women and families served each year, please accept our warmest gratitude for your generous support. Your gift of \$494.72, received via Check on 11/30/2021, is making a difference today, supporting services that positively impact women and families with children facing homelessness or a housing crisis.

Cathedral Center remains good stewards of your generous support, as we continue to fulfill our mission of *providing a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness – one life at a time.*

Thank you for your partnership and kindness.

Together in service,

Morgan Sweet  
Director of Resource Development



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*There's a place for you here!*



**Join us for Sunday worship!  
9:30 a.m.**

**Note:** In-person worship has been suspended through the month of February.

**\*Worship from the comfort of your vehicle in the church parking lot. Pull in and tune your car radio to 90.1 FM. Services are broadcast through speakers mounted in the parking lot—parking close to the church allows for better hearing through the speakers.**

**\*Watch the live-stream of our services on our [Facebook](#) page, or watch at a later time on our [website](#) or [You Tube](#) channel.**

**\*A downloadable copy of each Sunday's worship bulletin can be found on the church [website](#).**



**Want to know "What's Happening" at Our Lord's?**

**A weekly electronic newsletter containing information about upcoming events is sent out on Sundays. If you aren't currently subscribed but would like to be, [email](#) the church office.**

**A monthly calendar of events is posted on our [website](#).**

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