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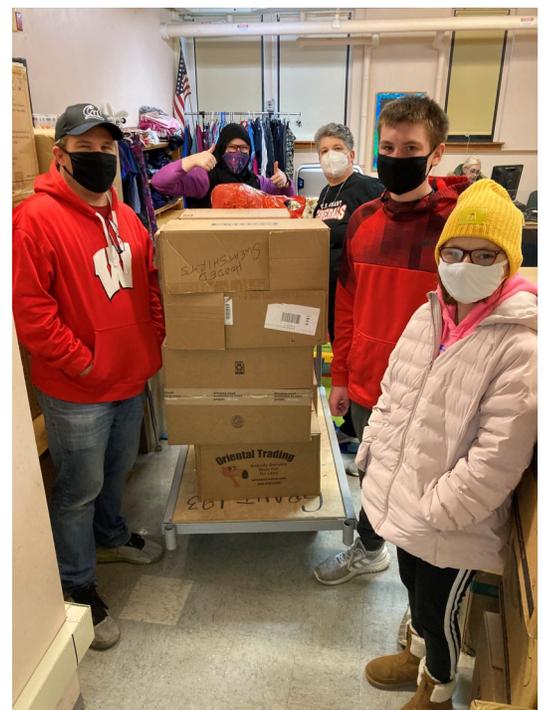
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The Spirit Moves!

We are so grateful for Beau Viet's response to the "Do One Thing" confirmation class challenge! Beau wanted to get winter gear to kids who need it. One of the confirmation teachers is an ESL Teacher at U. S. Grant Elementary School in Milwaukee – a school population in true need of assistance. Beau connected with the church board and the church and society team leader for support, and with his Dad's help launched a social media fundraising campaign that was amazingly successful! Hear more about this story and the outcome from Beau himself during worship soon!

Pastor Kelly



Pictured left to right: Sam Veit (Beau's father), Amanda Dawabsheh (parent coordinator), Judie Liebenstein (ESL teacher), Beau Veit, Izzy Veit (Beau's sister)

A Word from Pastor Kelly

Practicing Lent



Lent IS my favorite liturgical season, without doubt, because it allows me, as a slightly leaning introvert, an opportunity to focus inward. This is the primary time for Christians to deeply look inward, to practice tenants of faith otherwise set aside and to delve into new practices that may last beyond the '40 days'.

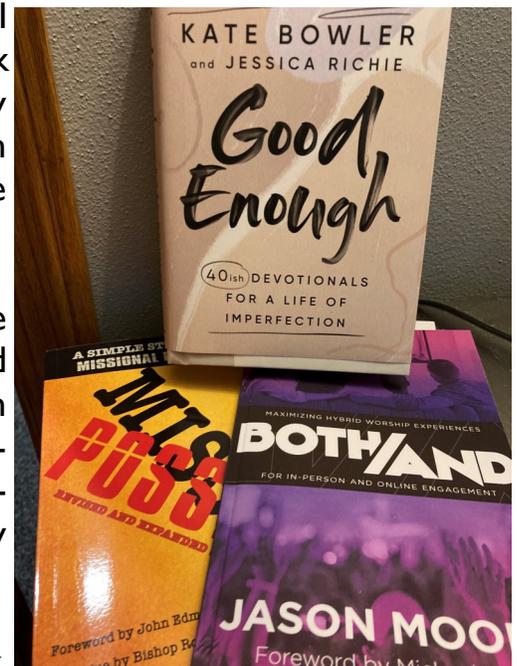
Enter books! I am a reader – and I usually have more than one book 'going' at the same time. This Lent, I am driven, by the changes in our world, to look at changes in church thinking and leadership as I try to balance pastoral leadership in the midst of it all.

“Mission Possible” stays with me this Lent as a guide for church leadership reading ALB for an author-led Zoom conference in late April. I’m looking to Jason Moore’s new book “Both/And” for support and inspiration for the new world of hybrid worship combining the online and in person experience in every worship.

Lastly, I’m embracing Kate Bowler’s new book, “Good Enough” and I’ve invited you along with me, led by Kate into a gentler, more grace-filled Lenten journey.

Friends, Lent is a long enough time to make a new habit or to strengthen a life-giving current one. It’s a time for deep reflection and rich conversations on topics of faith and discipleship. If you’re not a reader, can you try a weekly podcast on a topic you’d like to explore or add stretching to your daily prayer time? And, if you don’t “pod” or if exercise is difficult, what other activities, old or new, can you practice this Lent?

Peace be with each of you,
Pastor Kelly



Sanctuary Bells are Reconvening! ALL are Welcome!

Have you rung bells in the past? Do you have an interest in a bell choir experience?

We will be starting practice on Thursday, March 3rd. I would like to have practice at 5:00 p.m. so we can all be home at a good time - hopefully that will work in everyone's schedules to possibly eat early or a little later that night. Our goal is to play in worship Sunday, March 27th. We might also try to play for Palm Sunday as well on Sunday April 10 - we have to see how it goes and how many ringers can make it.

Please email me your interest, availability and thoughts for those two dates to play and how the practice schedule will or will not work for you - I'm looking forward to making beautiful music together praising God!

Becky Perreault
becky.perreault72@gmail.com



Confirmation Update

Remember Beau Veit and the Confirmation Class as they enter the Lenten Season preparing their hearts and minds to construct their statements of faith in April.

I am thankful for Rev. Wendee Nitz and Allan Lindsay of Oak Creek Community UMC, Rev. Jerry Cho and Judie Liebenstein of Bay View UMC, and Wendi Haubert, who join me as the adults leading this combo-confirmation class on Zoom.

Pastor Kelly

Lenten Devotional Book Study

ALL are invited to worship this Lenten Season inspired by Kate Bowler's devotional book, "Good Enough". Weekly worship & daily devotional options.

Kate (www.katebowler.com) is a seminary history professor, author and podcaster, and "incurable optimist." Series creator, Marcia McFee says, "My prayer is that this worship series and book study will be salve for our frustrated selves, inviting us to embrace the imperfections of life and faith, knowing that we are never alone."

Ash Wednesday: "Perfectionism is impossible. Transformation isn't."
Matthew :1-6, 16-21

Lent 1: "Ordinary lives can be holy." Luke 4:1-13

Lent 2: "So much is out of our control." Luke 13:31-35

Lent 3: "Lots of things can be medicine." Luke 13:1-9

Lent 4: "We often believe we are the problem." Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Lent 5: "We are fragile." John 12:1-8

Lent 6: "You are a group project." Luke 19:28-40

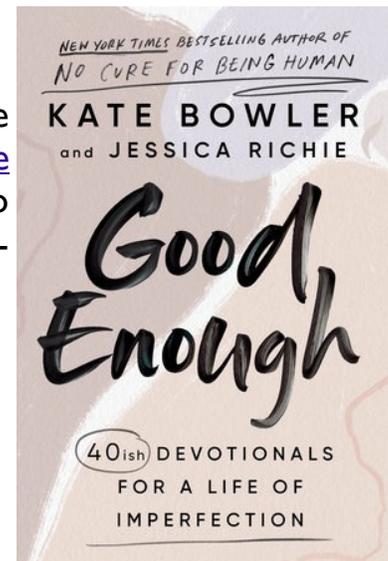
Maundy Thursday: "We are blessed, regardless." John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday: "Even today, God is here and somehow, that is good enough."
John 18: 1-19, 42

Easter: "A Good Enough Faith" John 20:1-18

Secure Kate's book "Good Enough" from your favorite bookstore and download the 40 Day Companion [here](#) (scroll down to click the button that says, "Click here to download"). If you'd like accountability for this Lenten journey, see the information on the following page.

Pastor Kelly



“A Good Enough Lent” A 40 Day Companion to Read, Reflect, and Pray

Join Pastor Kelly virtually or in person for accountability and conversation as we journey through the Lenten Season and Kate's book, “Good Enough”. Sign up with Tabitha in the church office (call 414-425-7030 or [email](#)) with your email and print the companion booklet.

Meeting time: Noon – 12:50 p.m. (can be negotiated, expanded to an evening session if needed)

Four Wednesdays to schedule:

March 2: Orientation, Introductions and Q&A

March 9: Check In – how's it going?

March 23: Check In – ½ way through!

April 6: Check In – turning toward Holy Week

From “Mission Possible”

Katan and Bradford write that “Simplified, accountable leadership is a means to re-focus the church on its purpose in a modern, efficient, and effective manner. We circle back to (y)our motivation.” p. 145

“Out of complexity, find simplicity.” ~ Albert Einstein

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](#).





- Wednesday, 3/2 "Ashes to Go" 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., parking lot
Lenten book study "Good Enough" Zoom/in-person, 12 noon
UMW Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 1:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service/Imposition of Ashes, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 3/3 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/6 Worship Service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Filter Socks crafters meeting immediately following service
- Wednesday, 3/9 Lenten book study "Good Enough" Zoom/in-person, 12 noon
UMW Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 3/10 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/13 Daylight Savings Time begins
Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
Easter flower order forms/payments due
- Wednesday, 3/16 UMW Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 3/17 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/20 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 3/21 Monday Funday, 10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Tuesday, 3/22 ALB meeting, Garden Room/Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 3/23 Lenten book study "Good Enough" Zoom/in-person, 12 noon
UMW Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 1:00 p.m.
Church and Society discussion group, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
April SALT articles due
- Thursday, 3/24 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/27 Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 3/30 UMW Mission Crafters, Garden Room, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 3/31 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

Edward Heinert	3/1	Kathy Depies	3/11
Sue Radzius	3/2	Mark McGarry	3/14
Pete Merschorf	3/5	Dan Schulz	3/16
Wenda Cichucki	3/5	Christopher Rodriguez	3/17
Mary McGarry	3/7	Marge Mewhorter	3/19
Isabella Veit	3/9	Carolyn Engel	3/21
Dave Broker	3/11	Tony Clements	3/31



Set your clocks an hour ahead



The Doors Are Open...

welcome back!!

Update from the Re-Entry Team

The Re-Entry team has met and determined that we will move ahead with resuming in-person worship effective with the March 2nd Ash Wednesday service. Sunday in-person worship will resume on March 6th including individual element communion. As in the past, masks will be **REQUIRED** and social distancing strongly encouraged. Small groups can once again schedule meetings within the church starting March 2nd. Masks will be required in common spaces but may be removed within the meeting with the consent of **ALL** involved participants. We will continue to monitor the numbers in WI and particularly Waukesha County and anticipate being able to lift the mask requirement if current downward trends in cases and hospitalizations continue. We will meet again near the end of March to see if this can be accomplished by Easter.

We thank you for your patience and understanding that all actions are taken to safeguard the health of our congregation. Feel free to contact any member of the Re-Entry team with questions.

Paul Davis
Pat Mehring
Dave Smith
Pastor Kelly Fowler



As our church doors open up again, it may be time to stop wondering about 'if you should come to this fellowship group.' Just come and try us out for a fun time to get away from all your chores, errands, and busyness.

It's been said that resting doesn't necessarily mean lying around the house. Doing something you like helps to ease your mind from worries and slow down the anxieties. Go for a walk outdoors, take a trip to a museum, catch a movie, or get together with a friend or family member. Nothing can ease the stress more than being around people. Joining a social group or a study group can help you deal better with your worries/problems and they will look more manageable. A hobby can help to distract your mind and help you become more relaxed. Prayer and meditation can change your mental image to a 'loving God holding you in His arms' and help you let go of your fears and anxieties.

So block off March 21, April 18, and May 16 on your calendar and come join this fun-loving group of new friends and even bring a friend along!



Mission Crafters will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. The next session will be March 2, 2022. Come with crafts you've been making at home, or plan to work on water filter socks, scarves, hats, mittens, or bookmarks for area elementary schools. Fellowship is an important part of our meetings, so come and visit—it will be so good to see each other and chat while we work! Questions, or need a ride, email Debbie Huyck at debbiehuyck@gmail.com.

Help us beautify our sanctuary this Easter Sunday! Order forms for Easter flowers will be available for pickup at church beginning Wednesday, March 2nd. We have many choices this year, including Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and more! Order forms will be available in the narthex on Sundays, or you may pick one up during church office hours, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, or simply print out a copy of the form below and on page 11.

All orders (with payment) must be received by Sunday, March 13th.

EASTER FLOWERS



The chancel @ Our Lords is beautified with Easter flowers on Easter Sunday with your help. You may take your flowers home after the Easter Sunday worship service to celebrate, honor or remember family and friends. **They are \$14 each.**

See the back of this form for flower and color choices.

NAME _____

In celebration of:

In honor of:

And/or in memory of:

Please fill out the form and have your order in to the church office or the offering bucket **with payment** by **Sunday, March 13th.** **All checks payable to: OLUMC and mark "Easter flowers" in the memo.**

Worship @ Our Lords is grateful for each Easter flower purchased!

OVER

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Please indicate how many of each type of plant you would like below:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Pot Size</u>
_____	Easter Lily	White	6"
_____	Daffodil	Yellow	7"
_____	Hyacinth	Blue	7"
_____	Hyacinth	Pink	7"
_____	Hyacinth	Assorted	7"
_____	Regal Geranium	Purple shades	7"
_____	Tulip	Lavender	7"
_____	Tulip	Pink	7"
_____	Tulip	Red	7"
_____	Tulip	Yellow	7"
_____	Tulip	Assorted	7"

The following plants are also available at an increased cost – see prices listed below.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Pot Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
_____	Azalea	Pink	7"	\$22.00
_____	Azalea	White	7"	\$22.00
_____	Azalea	Red	7"	\$22.00
_____	Azalea	Assorted	7"	\$22.00
_____	Hydrangea	Blue	8"	\$26.00
_____	Hydrangea	Pink	8"	\$26.00
_____	Hydrangea	Assorted	8"	\$26.00

How Can You Help Give Thirsty Folks Clean Water?

You can join a safely-spaced circle of crafters Sunday March 6 after church to knit or crochet and pray as we make filter socks to go around the world.

Small scraps of worsted weight yarn, cotton or acrylic, can be knit or crocheted into water filter socks. Bright colors are always welcome

Water filter socks can protect valuable glass water filters as they are shipped to folks in need around the world. The socks also protect these filters from breakage as a family uses them. The filters can remove virtually all the bacteria and viruses from even filthy stream water. These 0.1 micron filters are the same as ones used in a hospital dialysis ward! Every family in need who receives a filter can make thousands of gallons of pure water and save thousands of plastic bottles from going to the ocean or landfills.

We can begin after church March 6 to pray and crochet (or knit). You can learn how to make these just the right size to fit the filter and not slip off, yet allow the tubing to be screwed onto the filter. If your eyes or hands don't let you knit or crochet any more, perhaps you have yarn you can donate. It takes about 40 yards of yarn per sock, but smaller amounts make lovely contrast stripes or colorful ties.

For a tutorial video for filter socks, go to: www.waterwithblessings.com. From the home page go to Get Involved, then Crochet for a Cause. The ribbed crochet pattern they provide is not the one used in the tutorial video, and the old patterns do not give the current address for sending the socks. Pat Garrigues (pat@garrig.com) can email you a pattern for the Half Double Crochet sock.

WHAT TO BRING: If you can, bring scissors, worsted weight yarn, a yarn needle, a G or H crochet hook, or to knit, two needles or 1 circular needle size 6 or 7; we can find some in our UMW stash of knitting needles and crochet hooks. Pat can supply the mock filters to try out the size of what you make.

Watch for details in the What's Happening for additional dates for craft circles.

Submitted by Pat Garrigues



“The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still.”
Exodus 14:14 NIV

May you rise up today with the full assurance that God has your back. He is with you, for you, and actively working on your behalf. He does for you what you cannot do for yourself. Trust in Him with all your might and you will see joy in each day.

As you lie down to sleep, know that the Lord Himself is still fighting for you. He will break through barriers when there's only been roadblocks. Take hold of what He can do for you. Forgetting what is behind and working towards what is ahead. Press on toward the new goals, as you look heavenward in Christ Jesus.

May you remember this day and every day that life's battles are the Lord's. Be still and rest in Him, knowing that God will fight for you!

Also, please know that your church and the Caring Ministries Team is near to support you, whether it be taking you to an appointment, helping you with shopping, making a meal, or if you simply need someone to listen and pray with you. Contact a team member if you have a need: Rebecca Radick, Chris Gygax, Karen Haubert, Carolyn Huebsch, Lynda McDowell, or Pastor Kelly/church office.

*Submitted by Rebecca Radick
with excerpts from devotional “Blessings for Every Day” by Susie Larson*

Something to Think About

I just recently read a devotional from Guideposts that I felt I should share. The author, Fred Bauer, states his friend was lamenting over the lack of leadership in our country. "We should be doing better with the environment, with health care, feeding the hungry, stopping the violence." The author said he couldn't disagree, but reminded his friend of an old truism: "People only get the leadership they demand. And sometimes that means taking a leadership role ourselves."

How so? By agreeing to lead the PTA, agreeing to lead a class, agreeing to lead a neighborhood action group, agreeing to lead a stewardship committee. But being in leadership doesn't require enormous intellect, dazzling talent or superhuman strength - it only requires commitment and a willingness to give of our God-given gifts.

The author goes on to say that one of the gravestones in the cemetery off the coast of Normandy, France, bears this great definition of leadership: "Leadership is wisdom, courage, and carelessness of self." God honors people who are careless givers of themselves.

The verse from Daniel 12:3 NIV states, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars shine for ever and ever." Say this prayer listed here daily and watch where God is guiding you to help our church grow again.

"Dear God, free our Spirits, unbind our hands, give us loving hearts, and a serving mind." Amen.

Submitted by Rebecca Radick





Why Does It Matter?

On the eve of Russia invading Ukraine, a few of us gathered together on Zoom to discuss Native American Boarding Schools. This had been a story in the news, and to learn of Methodist involvement with these schools is disturbing. So we asked this question in light of overwhelming world events, *Why does it matter?*

As we begin our yearly observance of Lent, we know Jesus proclaimed his mission to preach the gospel to the poor, to release captives and to free the oppressed. Furthermore, sight would be recovered for the blind. (Luke 4:18.) Jesus' path was one of justice, and if we wish to follow Jesus, it is our path as well.

Why does it matter? One of the main rules of John Wesley for Methodists was "Do no harm." Injustice creates harm, trauma, generations of woundedness, and often the darkness of secrecy. The tentacles of injustice run deep and need to be rooted out. The very land upon which our church sits once belonged to Native Tribes. The path to government land ownership is littered with war and forced removal of Native people. How do we acknowledge history while moving justice forward? It is true we cannot do everything, but finding ourselves so overwhelmed we ignore injustice is not a safe place to land. Justice matters.

What do we do? We begin to take steps forward by learning, by discussing, by repenting, by taking action to bring about healing. The following article may be of help to you. <https://umcmmission.org/news-statements/remembering-native-american-victims-of-us-schools/>

Another learning opportunity is coming on April 9, 2022, for the UMW Mission Day of Action (virtual) "Connect with our Wisconsin Native American Sisters". Here is an opportunity to learn from Native American women about issues they face today. Please check out the following link to learn more. <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/event-detail/16237418>

Another opportunity for discussion will be on **Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m.** Meeting format details will be forthcoming. Please feel free to contact Mary Schulz (mschulz52@yahoo.com) if you would like more information or if you have questions. You are welcome to be part of the ongoing discussion.

Submitted by Mary Schulz

There's a place for you here!



Join us for Sunday worship!

9:30 a.m.

There are three ways to worship—choose what works best for you!

***In-person worship in the church sanctuary (masks are required.)**

***Worship from the comfort of your vehicle in the church parking lot. Services are broadcast through speakers mounted in the parking lot.**

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



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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