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Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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Holy Week Worship Schedule



**Sunday, April 2nd
Palm/Passion Sunday
9:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, April 6th
Maundy Thursday service w/Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, April 7th
Good Friday service
6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 9th
Easter Sunday Celebration
9:30 a.m.**

ALL services will be in-person AND live-streamed



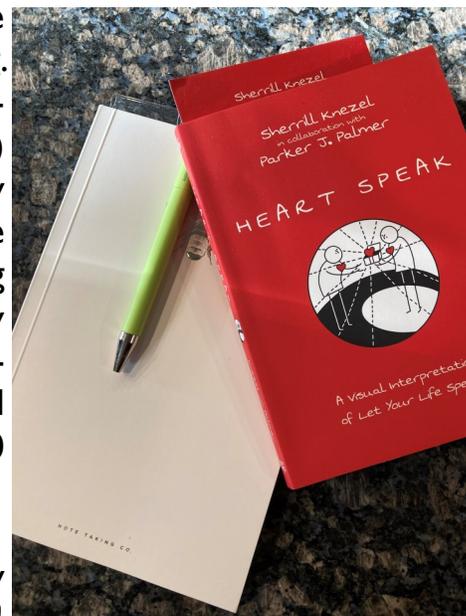
A Word from Pastor Kelly

Communicating Well

⁶ “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

Matthew 6:6 The Message

Communicating is on my mind this Lenten Season. This is such a deep, extended time to attend to the spiritual discipline of prayer – that sweet time of communicating our hearts to God’s own heart. It is also a time of intentional, personal reflection; often a new journal accompanies the start of Lent, for me. And, sometimes, this Season launches a small group or class that encourages regular accountability - communicating the questions that come, the insights revealed and, of course, the weekly reckoning with whether I’ve kept pace with the reading commitment and daily discipline of study. Communicating is hard work, good work and important work in the discipleship journey. For me, the outward pronouncement of things given up or taken on distract from the time Lent gives me to simply practice communicating. Paying closer attention to my heartspeak (yes, I am using Sherrill Knezel’s book “Heart Speak” and loving it!) opens me to where I want to grow, how far I’ve already come and challenges me to keep on trying to be the best, most authentic version of myself possible. Praying for God’s presence and to claim the work of the Holy Spirit within me humbles my daily efforts of just showing up to my life. And, checking in, over tea, with a friend is an encouragement that propels me through these 40 days each year.



You are precious. You are worthy. You are celebrated by God AND in this community of faith, just by being you! I pray, this Lent, for each of you as you endeavor to communicate well with yourself, with your neighbors and friends, and with your God!

Peace be with each of you,
Pastor Kelly



MARCH

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday 3/1 Sunnyslope Memory Café, 11:45 a.m., Wesley Room
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 3/5 Worship service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Lenten book study, 10:30 a.m., Wesley Room
- Wednesday, 3/8 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Thursday, 3/9 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/12 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Lenten book study, 10:30 a.m., Wesley Room
- Wednesday, 3/15 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Thursday, 3/16 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/19 Worship service/UMCOR Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Lenten book study, 10:30 a.m., Wesley Room
- Monday, 3/20 Monday Funday, 10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Tuesday, 3/21 Church & Society meeting, 5:30 p.m., Garden Room
Story Path brainstorming meeting, 6:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Wednesday, 3/22 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Thursday, 3/23 Handbell practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 3/26 Worship service w/handbell choir, 9:30 a.m.
Lenten book study, 10:30 a.m., Wesley Room
- Tuesday, 3/28 Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
ALB meeting, 6:30 p.m., Garden Room/Zoom
- Wednesday, 3/29 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room

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](#).



We have fun and good fellowship time on the third Monday of each month. All are welcome in the Garden Room from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. We hear a Bible story or devotional and discuss it, and do fun activities with cognitive worksheets, puzzles or games. Plan ahead to come join us on March 20th and April 17th. Contact the church office if you have questions or need a ride and we'll be happy to help!

Submitted by Rebecca Radick



Ed Heinert	3/1
Sue Radzius	3/2
Wenda Cichucki	3/5
Pete Merschdorf	3/5
Mary McGarry	3/7
Izzy Veit	3/9
Dave Broker	3/11

Kathy Depies	3/11
Mark McGarry	3/14
Dan Schulz	3/16
Marge Mewhorter	3/19
Carolyn Engel	3/21
Tony Clements	3/31

Easter Resurrection Garden

“BYOP” (Bring Your Own Poinsettia) was so successful this past Christmas that the Worship Team is inviting the congregation to do the same for our Easter Resurrection Garden! Beginning Palm Sunday (April 2nd) and continuing through Holy Week, you may bring your own flower contribution(s) to church and place them in the Wesley Room. The Resurrection Garden will be assembled in the Sanctuary on Holy Saturday. Different varieties and colors of flowers will make our garden vibrant, so feel free to branch out from the traditional white! You may dedicate your flower(s) to a loved one or friend by filling out a dedication form, which will be available in the Narthex as we get closer to Holy Week. Be watching the What's Happening emails for more information.



Easter Missions Giving

The Missions Team will sponsor Easter Outreach giving. It is an opportunity to do good for our neighbors, near and far. Donations will be shared between three beneficiaries. One will serve local needs, another will serve needs in the USA, and the third will touch needs internationally. The specific organizations have not been identified yet. We will share those and more in Mission Moments at Sunday worship during Lent.

Submitted by Mark Radick, Missions Team Leader





Missions @ Our Lords is starting up the collection of “pop tops” for The Ronald McDonald house again. Please bring in the little aluminum tabs from cans and place them in the container in the Narthex or by the side entrance. Since 2000, recycling the little aluminum tabs from soda cans has generated nearly \$400,000 for the local Ronald McDonald House. Read on to learn more about The Ronald McDonald House.

House Story

In the early 1980s, a small group of dedicated volunteers set out to build the first Ronald McDonald House® in Wisconsin because families had no place to stay while their seriously ill child was being treated at Children’s Wisconsin. The outpouring of support to build our House was remarkable. So much so that when we opened in 1984, we called it “The House that Love Built.®” Since then, our House has been keeping families together by providing more than 50,000 family stays.

These families come from all 50 states and many countries around the world whose children are receiving medical care at Children’s Wisconsin or other area hospitals. We offer a place to call home at little or no cost, so families can stay together. Many families try to contribute what they can—even if it’s the suggested \$20 a night donation. In reality, our cost is approximately \$95 per night. No one is ever turned away for their inability to pay.

The House is more than just a place to stay. We offer families therapeutic programming, a comprehensive meal program, comfortable community spaces and so much more. A team of over 500 volunteers and a dedicated staff are always ready to do whatever it takes to make a family’s stay a little easier. Living in a community, side by side, families form friendships and support one another through difficult times.

As Children’s Wisconsin made medical advances, so did the need for longer family stays. We expanded the House in 2003, adding our long-term wing with thirteen suite-style units. The demand for our unique services continued to grow, so we expanded

once again and in September 2014 we opened our new addition and remodeled House. We now offer 70 private guest rooms and common spaces for families to gather and play. Our additional kitchens easily accommodate both family needs and our Family Meal Program.

A two-level attached parking structure was added; and the State Department of Transportation worked with RMHC Eastern WI, Children's and the city of Wauwatosa to build a pedestrian bridge that connects the Ronald McDonald House to Children's Wisconsin, providing our families with a safe and convenient way to stay close to their children.

Over the years, we have grown as the needs of our families have changed. Each addition and renovation allows us to provide all the comforts of home for the families we serve.

Submitted by Karen Haubert



Church and Society News

So far the calendar has provided monthly awareness topics to help shed light on issues and people that in all honesty we may prefer NOT to see. While we accept the truth that Jesus is the light of the world, it is easy to shrink away from what Jesus' light reveals about ourselves, our beliefs, and what is required of us to bring God's Kingdom to earth. We awaken every day as the sun rises, yet the word "woke" brings about a firestorm of increased political and cultural warfare. Jesus does instruct us to lift our eyes to see the harvest and the lack of workers, to hear the cries of the oppressed, to feed the hungry, love God and our neighbors as ourselves. We need the light of God to see, to awaken and to show us the path where we can begin to take the very next step. Reframing the negative connotations of the word, *woke*, can be a tool to welcome the light of God's word to reveal truth to us. Let's consider the following:

Worthwhile Opportunities (for) Knowledge Expansion (WOKE)

1. Narthex Book Table: Highlighting monthly themes to explore book titles for your reading/learning pleasure is the purpose of the book table which invites your participation. We are beginning with the topics of Human Trafficking, Black History and Women's History, and will move to environmental justice topics as we approach April. Please feel free to bring any titles that deal with peace and justice issues to continue the sharing. Picture book titles are welcome and are wonderful tools for grownup people too! You are welcome to read the books via the honor system. Participants bringing books are urged to do so in a spirit of freedom. In other words, if you love your books, set them free. Maybe they will return to you or maybe they will move on to someone else and that needs to be all right. (I tend to hold on too tightly to books so this message is directed right to myself!) *Also, did you take the Google Learning Opportunity to discover who invented the ice cream scoop? It's not too late to find out!
2. The History Makers: Perhaps you saw the 60 Minutes report on the largest digital oral history of African Americans which is being housed in the Library of Congress. This collection is the brainchild of Julieanna Richardson, who believes it is vital to document Black experience in America. You can access thousands of stories online for free and with a paid subscription access even more. The educational opportunities here are enormous for everyone.
*Visit this [link](#) to learn more about this collection.
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3. Upcoming Webinar: On International Women's Day, March 8th, the South Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Education Committee is holding a Hybrid-Webinar event from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on the topic of "Why Abortion Rights are Workers Rights." You can access the flyer to register for the Zoom event or for the in-person event (held in Madison) [here](#). This session will also be addressing the Supreme Court election in April.

May these **W**orthwhile **O**pportunities for **K**nowledge **E**xpansion lead us onward to advocacy as we seek to follow the light of Christ.

Submitted by Mary Schulz



The Lord in Galatians 5:22-23 shares about the gifts of the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. We are to share these gifts with each other to be in the image of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we can become more loving, more kind, more patient, more peaceful, faithful, joyful, gentle, generous, and have more self-control, in our actions and words. During this Lent, may you find ways to rest in the Lord, find time for yourself, and be of assistance/give care to others. These are wonderful ways to celebrate your love during this Lenten season. We pray that God may open your mind and hearts and bless each one of you. If you are in need of help, need prayers or a visit, call on the church and the Caring Ministries team.

Submitted by Rebecca Radick



Three Lines in a Circle: Walking with Michael G. Long's Story

On a chilly January evening a group of folks met to walk outside to imagine how Long's picture book, *Three Lines in a Circle*, detailing the creation of the peace sign would become the first title for Our Lord's Intergenerational Peace and Justice Story Path. A grant from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society was awarded to Our Lord's to begin the task of displaying children's books highlighting themes of peace and justice to be displayed along a path page by page.

The connection we can make through story to create a larger community embracing peace and justice holds all kinds of possibilities. Using the land surrounding the church to invite folks of all ages and stages to be outside, reading and learning together seems like good stewardship of our land. This opportunity is exciting and big and of course a bit scary since it is new. It requires partnerships, materials, labor, and money. Our grant award provides us with seed money so it makes perfect sense to pray as we begin "planting."

So far our path forward (A.K.A. Phase I) looks like this:

1. A temporary moveable path is more budget friendly as we begin and requires securing reproduction rights from Flyaway Publishers. They have affirmed our project, are delighted for our interest in their books, and are working at answering our questions concerning the creation of digitalized story signs and reproduction rights.
2. Contacting various organizations for partnerships and additional funding has already begun. It is wonderful to get responses and the word of our project is begin shared. A letter was sent to Dolly Parton's Foundation and other grant opportunities are being sought.
3. An event launch will need to be determined as we get more information from Flyaway Publishers and marketing strategies developed.

A brainstorming session to further discuss Phase I is being planned for **Tuesday, March 21 from 6-7 p.m.** in the Garden Room after the Church and Society Meeting. All are welcome so please join us!

Submitted by Mary Schulz

		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
		<i>March</i>							
5	Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.		6 A coin for every ball cap or hat.	7 A coin for every pair of shoes.	8 A coin for every pair of jeans or pants.	9 A coin for every coat.	10 A coin for every t-shirt.	11 A coin for every sweatshirt.	
12	Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.		13 A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment.	14 A coin for every electronic video game.	15 A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	16 A coin for every television.	17 A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	18 A coin for every board or card game.	
19	Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.		20 A coin for every box of band-aids.	21 A coin for every bottle of vitamins.	22 A coin for every box of tissues.	23 A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer.	24 A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.	25 A coin for every cough drop in your house.	
26	Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.		27 A coin for every room in your home.	28 A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	29 A coin for every chair in your home.	30 A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.	31 A coin for every bathroom.		

There's a place for you here!



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

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

*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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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](#).

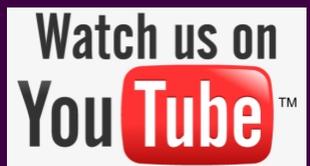
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