



Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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Easter Sunday, 2022, Resurrection Garden



The Veit family: Beau, Sophia and Izzy





A Word from Pastor Kelly

Stepping Forward

Seminary is, in many ways, a wonderful journey of preparation for pastoral leadership in the local church. It is first, though, a journey of personal preparation to take on the mantle of shepherding. Credo writing, becomes an annual part of the evaluation and reflection of that preparation journey.

Throughout my seminary training Isaiah 43:19 spoke truth to my heart: “Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up, don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.”

Each year this single text revealed itself anew in my journey. Personally, in my own life, professionally as I continued to prepare for clergy leadership and then beyond myself to those I was serving – God continued to affirm my ability to accept, lead and announce new things happening.

Bishop Haller, outgoing Council of UM Bishops president has said that, “The church has forever changed because of COVID-19 and both clergy and laity have had to reinvent the way they do ministry because of the pandemic. The current disruption is actually a gift that will lead churches into new possibilities for outreach and evangelism, thus transforming their communities and the world.” And, right in the middle of this quote she cites Isaiah 43:19~ I have to pay attention, right?!

Our Bishop, Hee Su Jung, is also affirming systemic expression, local leadership and personal conviction as our WI UMC Conference embodies a beautiful spectrum of traditions that serve our local settings and the changing world.

It is time for Our Lord’s to be reborn! As Easter people, we step forward every day with hope for our gifts to be used to the glory of God as we witness to God’s love through our everyday lives.

Please pray for your leadership team, Debbie Zwicky, Rebecca Radick, Joe Whyms, Scott Knuth, Mary Schulz, Pat Mehring, Loyal Sheedy, Linda Sheedy, Paul Davis, Wendi Haubert and me as we dive deep into listening for God’s voice and step forward into the hopes and dreams that begin to form. Your prayers, presence, financial support, service and willing witness are amazing and appreciated gifts!

Plan, now, to be in worship on Sunday June 12th for the celebration launch beyond our 55th historic year here as Our Lord's UMC. Hear the board's vision report and find out more about how to offer your own prayerful impressions.

Thanks be to God for a lively faith!

Peace be to 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](#).



The Easter Bunny Makes a Stop at New Berlin Preschool

There were a couple of very exciting days last month at the preschool as the children prepared for a visit from the Easter bunny. In anticipation of his visit, they made bunny ears and bunny noses to wear while they hunted the eggs he would leave for them. An egg hunt was held in the Fellowship Hall and there were squeals of delight as the eggs were found!



Be Included!

Are you or someone in your family graduating or completing some kind of training or gaining a certification? Our Lord's 'Graduation Sunday' will be June 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Please send your name, a recent photo, your graduating school/institution and your next step to Tabitha in the office at office@ourlordsumc.org.

If work or distance keeps you from attending the service in-person we'd still love to celebrate your accomplishment!

A Word of Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for continuing to call, send cards and offer your prayers for me as I continue to grieve Dennis and now as I add the deep loss of my Aunt Shirley. Your caring matters and I am grateful.

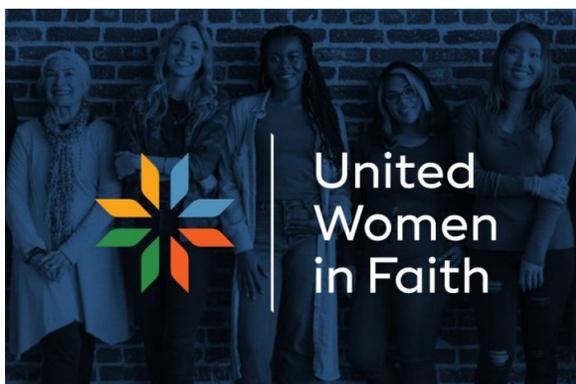
Becky Johnson



Kathy Jacobs	5/1	Nannette Piasini	5/14
Samuel Blotz	5/1	Jerry Ford	5/19
Sonya Darnall	5/3	Garrett Davis	5/20
Kathy Darnall	5/4	Amber Feurt	5/21
Carolyn Gorzek	5/5	Jordan Feurt	5/21
Linda Davis	5/5	Margo Hoelzer	5/22
Florence Makkoo	5/8	Andrew Krier	5/24
Rachel Kaufman	5/12	Morgan Radzius	5/27



- Sunday, 5/1 Worship service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Native American Ministries Sunday
- Wednesday 5/4 “Life Together Apart” discussion, 12 noon, in-person/Zoom
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Handbell practice, 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, 5/5 Prayer Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women,
6:30 p.m., church parking lot
- Sunday, 5/8 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 5/11 “Life Together Apart” discussion, 12 noon, in-person/Zoom
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Handbell practice, 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday, 5/15 Worship service/Confirmation of Beau Veit, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 5/16 Monday Funday, 10 a.m., Garden Room
- Wednesday, 5/18 “Life Together Apart” discussion, 12 noon, in-person/Zoom
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Handbell practice, 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday, 5/22 Worship service w/handbell choir, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 5/24 June SALT articles due
- Wednesday, 5/25 “Life Together Apart” discussion, 12 noon, in-person/Zoom
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 5/29 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 5/30 Church office closed
- Tuesday, 5/31 ALB Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Garden Room/Zoom



As of early March 2022, this is the **NEW NAME** for the organization formerly known as **United Methodist Women**. The re-branding/renaming includes this new logo and new programs for women of all ages. The new name also provides opportunity for current UMW members whose local churches might choose to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, and women from other faiths who wish to join.

Look for new programs launching throughout 2022, both online and in person.

Checks can still be made out to United Methodist Women during the transition.

Visit United Women of Faith at uwfaith.org for more information and to see videos.

Submitted by Debbie Huyck

monDAY! FUN DAY!

Hebrews 10:25 says, “Do not abandon the meeting together as a habit, but encourage one another together.” We, as people of God, are called to worship, study, serve others, and fellowship together. In doing so we are showing our love and trust in God, through encouraging others to walk this faith life together. As Jesus showed us, we need one another for we can’t go through life alone.

You are invited to join us on Monday, May 16th, at 10:00 a.m. in the church Garden Room. Monday Funday is a good way to meet and fellowship with people, hear a devotional with a short discussion, and do fun activities. We all have been isolated for so long and this is a comfortable place to be with others. You are invited to bring someone with you on May 16th and looking ahead on June 20th.

Many Blessings to all of you!

Submitted by Rebecca Radick

Caring Ministries Mission Moment Presented in Worship on April 10, 2022

Karen Haubert began the presentation by explaining how Caring Ministries got its start at Our Lord's...

Parish Nurse summary:

I began serving as Parish Nurse in the early 2000's and served for about six years with the encouragement of Pastor Ron Retherford. I was blessed with the opportunity to take a week-long Parish Nurse course. Our Lord's program was funded by a three-year grant from our Conference, in partnership with Pro Health Hospital.

I worked closely with Pastor Ron, sharing hospital and home visits, and I would often take communion to the homebound members. I accompanied members on same-day procedures and provided transportation and another set of ears on clinic visits. One example was I accompanied a member who was going to have surgery for a malignant tumor and she was going to get a second opinion as well. On the first visit this surgeon was very thorough, answering all questions in a very calm and reassuring manner. Toward the end of the visit this surgeon asked if he could pray with us - "Of course!" was the very quick response. Needless to say, the second opinion appointment was cancelled. I journeyed with her for several weeks.

My favorite experience was a mom and infant program that included a home visit, educational materials, and prayer. During an 18-month period we had 17 newborns. Most of these children are out of high school and college now. During this time I did infant and child CPR courses.

Another service was doing blood pressure checks twice a month. This service was supplemented with education and referrals. At least 2 members were started on medication as a direct result of these checks and I was able to monitor them afterwards. I had the assistance of Pat Mehring, Lynda McDowell and Karen Condie.

Health education is a prime aspect of Parish Nursing and I provided many opportunities including:

- ~Nutritional courses
- ~Weekly walks often distributing educational materials or church related programs
- ~Grief sessions
- ~Collaborated with UMW and another Parish Nurse on a Women's retreat
- ~One on one counseling sessions
- ~Assisted with funerals, providing snacks, drinks, etc., during long visitation sessions

There were many other opportunities for participation and many educational materials made available.

I feel very blessed to have served our church in this very meaningful way. Eventually financial issues resulted in closure of the formal program but eventually morphed into our Caring Ministries program.

Rebecca Radick then spoke about the services the Caring Ministries team provides for the church and its vision...

Hello and welcome! I'm Rebecca Radick, the coordinator for Caring Ministries. I will be talking about how we've reached out to our church families and friends. We've supported and encouraged you through many areas for many years, even through these extraordinary times. Each of us face on-going changes in our daily lives and the Caring Ministries team is committed to serving the needs of each of you. It's as easy as contacting the church office.

We have made meals with our Youth to share with those who are ill, have had surgery, or have lost a family member. We've worked with our United Methodist Women's group to provide several luncheons (with entertainment) for our homebound members. We've handed out prayer shawls and blankets made by our ladies to those in need and have provided Welcome bags for visitors to our church. We've reached out with transportation assistance for those needing help getting to church events and health appointments. Through online Google Sheets we were able to set up rotational visits for two of our church members. We'll do that again as the need arises.

In the past two years, with the pandemic limitations, our card ministry has grown by adding monthly birthday cards. We've kept in touch with people through many personal phone calls, and Pastor Kelly did home blessings for our members and visitors.

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You may ask, “What keeps us motivated?” It’s the response we get from you, saying, “Thanks for the cards and notes you send me. They brighten my days and help me feel connected to the church, while I can’t be there.” or “I keep the cards and read them over many times, to feel supported.”

One of our visioning goals is to have a Memory Care Café here at Our Lord’s, to help reach our members and the community in the growing need to support those facing Alzheimer disease and their caregivers. Also, we want to bring back community guest speakers on the outreach programs available in our area.

We were able to start our Caring Ministries program through a 3-year grant program from the United Methodist Foundation. But you may be wondering how you can reach out to help. There are many ways. One way is through collecting cards, or making cards, that we can use for birthdays, get well, sympathy, and thinking of you. If you have a talent for writing, you can fill out the cards with encouraging words and we’ll mail them to where they’re needed.

Our budget supports postage and care for individual and family needs. A memorial fund is seeding the vision for a Memory Café. Your pledged and weekly ministry giving and memorial donations are greatly needed and appreciated, as your dollars enable our helping hands to serve.

We are grateful for your past and future support to ensure this ministry continues to be “God’s hands and feet”. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide all of us in His great love!

Prayer Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Church and Society will be holding space for prayer and awareness on Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot at 5000 S. Sunnyslope Road in New Berlin. Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited persons are ten times more likely to experience violence than any other group nationwide. Come to learn and to pray for families and whole communities who are affected. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has initiated a statewide task force to create pathways for advocacy, policy making and to address this epidemic.

To learn more, visit www.wakingwomenhealingint.org/, the Waking Women Healing Institute, and mmiwusa.org/, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women website.

Pentecost Thoughts

Words from the Scriptures are just words unless we understand their meanings for us to live out in our lives, for today and for tomorrow.

Some questions to think about are:

How do we live our lives claiming that we belong to God?
How do we live through the promises of God?

The answers to these questions are both personal and communal. At Pentecost there is a call to go deeper in our faith; to explore the scriptures through reading devotionals, doing studies, going to church to hear the sermon teachings, and doing service for/with others.

God, through Jesus' resurrection and ascension, offers us an intimate love that dwells inside us. God is always with us! Through our living and giving of our fruits and good works, we belong to God and He belongs to us. May we pray that His Words, become our Living Words!

Submitted by Rebecca Radick



THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER



Our Lord's delivered a meal to The Cathedral Center on April 19th. Our contact with The Cathedral Center said 50 people enjoyed the food we provided and thanked us for our contribution.

We'd like to thank all those who donated and prepared food items, as well as those who dropped off the meal in downtown Milwaukee at The Cathedral Center! We look forward to doing this again in the near future and, as always, invite everyone to help out in this mission work.

Submitted by Linda Suminski and Wenda Cichucki

Church & Society News

If you find yourself a bit confused about distinguishing the difference between Church and Society, Missions, and Outreach, you are not alone. As in so much of our life in Christ, there is wonderful, overlapping commonality. Yet, there are some distinct differences.



Redemption of the social order with a commitment to racial equality and radical inclusion is the call of Church and Society. Bishop Jung has affirmed this calling for the Wisconsin UMC. Church and Society works at changing systems. While this work sounds overwhelming, change has occurred when groups of people take committed, intentional action. Becoming aware of social issues is certainly a first step, but being *involved* in social issues is the function of Church and Society within the United Methodist Church. Listed below are four ways the congregation of Our Lord's can move forward on this journey of involvement in social issues.

Social Service –Making an effort to meet and alleviate immediate human need is providing a social service. Our Lord's has a partnership with meeting the needs of the homeless through meals, delivery of diapers and hygiene products to **Cathedral Center**. Help in preparation of meals for **The Gathering** has been another example of social service. Connecting with **Fresh Start Learning** to supply women suffering in the bondage of sex trafficking with hygiene items and a purse packed with gifts that remind them how dear they are to God; providing batteries along with Beau Veit's leadership in securing much needed winter gear to **U. S. Grant Elementary School** in Milwaukee are further examples of mission in social service. Mission Crafters created an untold number of masks, water filter socks for **Water With Blessings**, dishcloths for **UMCS** and even more crafted items not listed here, even when they couldn't gather together. Sending over 600 pounds of fresh produce from our gardens at Our Lord's to **New Berlin Food Pantry and United Methodist Children's Services** are more examples of social service ministry and mission even through the time of COVID. The building may have been closed, but the hearts of the people remained open, giving, and on the move!

Social Education –Any time there is teaching on social issues through worship bulletin inserts, church newsletter, media services, or a church class, social education is taking place. Social education is the basis for social service, witness, and action; it can also provide the spark for motivating others to action.

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Social Witness – Churches make a social witness when they boldly say, *Here We Stand*. Fasting, taking part in demonstrations, boycotting businesses, prayer vigils—these are all forms of social witness. **Gathering for Community** which formerly met on the 19th of every month was a place where people trying to grapple with continued forms of racial discrimination could gather, learn and express their deep heart prayers. Another opportunity to gather will occur on **May 5, 2022** which is a designated day of awareness for **Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2 Spirit People (MMIWG2S)**. A prayer vigil will be held in **Our Lord's parking lot at 6:30 p.m.** Plan on attending to learn and to pray for families and whole communities affected by assault, disappearance, and murder of wives, mothers, and daughters of indigenous heritage. To learn more about this issue, go to www.wakingwomenhealingint.org and <https://mmiwusa.org>

Social Action—Contacting legislators, congress people, writing letters or giving testimony to public officials is all a form of Social Action. The United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) led the way with their April 9th virtual Mission Action Day entitled, “Connecting With Our Native American Sisters”. The challenge was given to call Senator Tammy Baldwin’s office to thank her for introducing a bipartisan bill called, “Into the Light Act” which provides mothers experiencing mental health issues and substance use disorders support .A further challenge was issued to contact Ron Johnson’s office and well as your representatives in Congress to co-sponsor the bill. More information about the bill can be found via this link: <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senator-baldwin-colleagues-introduce-bipartisan-bill-to-provide-support-for-moms-experiencing-mental-health-issues-substance-use-disorders>.

Consider which of these four steps you could investigate and be willing to act upon. The various seasons of life create different opportunities for how we can engage. We may have just a little or a lot of time to invest in reading, learning, and active engagement. Whatever we have to give, we give it in faith for Jesus to use.

“Jesus got into trouble—and so will we—for attempting to transform society rather than to conform to it,” noted the late George H. Outen, a former general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society. “But if we name the Name, and if we are followers of The Way, we are called to engage in the redemption of the social order. We are to help bring healing and wholeness to a broken world.”

May it be so.

Submitted by Mary Schulz

Giving Garden Opportunities

The days are getting longer, the robins are back and even though the temperatures have been cool, it is time to begin prepping soil in the Our Lord's newly named **Giving Garden**. The mission of the garden at this point in time is to use the designated green space in a productive and healing way and to share the bulk of the garden produce with those experiencing food insecurity.

The late Perry Huyck planted what has been named the Community Garden. We will continue to honor Perry's vision for this space with tomato plants, collard greens, curly mustard greens, and onion sets with many of the seeds being gifted to us by Debbie Huyck. This is a true gift of legacy and love and we are most grateful. A cucumber patch supplements the community garden with hopes to add dill as well. The produce from the Community Garden along with what is grown and given by individual gardeners is donated to UMCS and the New Berlin Food Pantry.

A new project of adding a Monarch Waystation is being planned. A current challenge is to find untreated, organic milkweed plants that will not kill emerging caterpillars and to find an appropriate space/planter option to accommodate the tap roots of many milkweed plants.

So there is much to do and many opportunities to join in the fun, even if you feel you do not have a green thumb! Listed below are ways to add your hands, heart, and voice to the garden:

1. **Planting:** If you wish to be part of the planting/donating team speak to any member of the Giving Garden Team ASAP. Crops go in anywhere between mid-May and early June so if you wish to secure some ground let Mary Schulz (mschulz52@yahoo.com) know. Raised beds for flower planting are also available so please let Pastor Kelly know if you are interested in planting/tending a bed.

2. **Donors:** If you wish to help us secure determinate tomato plants, onion sets, or wish to contribute to amending the soil, just drop your donation into one of the orange buckets at church and write in the memo Giving Garden.

3. **Monarch Patrons:** If you know of a local place to secure organic, native milkweed, we would love to hear from you. At this point, only online sources are available and if you wish to donate to securing organic milkweed, the Monarchs would be most grateful! Knowledge shared is a great thing so if you have Monarch raising experience, please help us learn!

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4. **Harvesters/Transporters:** If you would like to help pick produce and or help deliver to New Berlin Food Pantry or UMCS, you are most welcome. We typically harvest Sunday mornings before service for a Monday delivery to UMCS and harvest Wednesday mornings for delivery to New Berlin Food Pantry.

5. **Flower Bed Attendees:** Keeping beds around the church property looking well loved takes a few hands so if you love to make things look tidy, there is opportunity for you! Let Gwenda Szczygielski or Julie Dunham know of your interest.

6. **Sunday May 1st:** We are thrilled that community high school volunteers will be helping to turn soil in the garden on this date. We are also in need of folks to help secure the garden fence which is sagging in spots. We have zip ties, but we could use some extra hands. So after service if you have the time and desire, know you are mightily welcome!

There is a place for you in the garden here!

Your Giving Garden Team,

Mary Schulz, Chris Clements, Julie Dunham, Lynda McDowell, Pat Garrigues, Pastor Kelly and Gwenda Szczygielski

Update from the Business Office

Thank you to all the members and friends of Our Lord's for the generous donations given for Human Relations Sunday, UMCOR Sunday and Ukraine.

Human Relations Sunday, January 16th = \$25.00

UMCOR Sunday (formally One Great Hour of Sharing), March 27th = \$2870.14

As of March 31st, \$2884.67 has been collected for emergency response needed in Ukraine, and donations are still coming in. Giving envelopes for the Ukraine response are located on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

Donations can be made safely online through our website at www.ourlordsumc.org. Checks may be mailed to the church office at 5000 Sunnyslope Rd., New Berlin, WI, 53151, ATTN: Finance Office, or dropped in the orange buckets in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Please note: If donating by check, please write where you would like your donation allocated on the memo line of the check.

Mission Crafters

Mission Crafters meet on Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. in the Garden Room. We are making bookmarks for area elementary schools, water filter socks for Water With Blessings, hats, scarves, and mittens for United Methodist Children's Services, as well as other items needed by the community. You are invited to come for all or part of the time and enjoy fellowship as we work on these mission projects. Bring your new ideas for work we could do! Contact debbiehuyck@gmail.com for more information or to get a ride.

The group has made, or is in process of making the following:

BOOKMARKS: This school year 424 were given to Elmwood Elementary in New Berlin, 43 to Mill Valley Elementary in Muskego, and 600 to U. S. Grant Elementary in Milwaukee. If you know of a school who would love some of our homemade bookmarks, let us know! Currently we have 225 completed.

FILTER SOCKS: 200 filter socks were recently mailed to Water With Blessings. This is in addition to the 600 sent in an earlier shipment. Many hands make these knitted and crocheted coverings as a layer of protection surrounding each filter, which then cleanse water for use in different parts of the world.

DISH CLOTHS: 20 dish cloths have been made recently, which will be given to United Methodist Children's Services for residents' use. They are crocheted or knitted from cotton yarn.

WINTER HATS: 69 are already made and being held for the Mitten Tree at Christmas! Scarves are being knitted or crocheted also, which will be donated in the winter months.

BABY QUILTS: Members have been cleaning out their sewing and craft supplies at home. Flannel has been found! Currently, patchwork baby quilts are being sewn at home, with all the scraps of baby flannel that were donated! These will be given to UMCS as well.

Submitted by Debbie Huyck

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 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.**



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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