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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

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**REMEMBER REMEMBER REMEMBER REMEMBER – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS IN NOVEMBER. SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2 SO YOU WON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 3!!!**

## GRATITUDE

At a recent UM clergy retreat, I learned from author and keynote speaker, Diana Butler Bass, that Thessalonians may in fact be the first of all of the New Testament writings. Significant in that, Diana remarked, is Paul's intentional thanks to God in the very first verse, "*We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers*" (CEB).

Every community, those in scripture and those seeking to be faithful followers today, benefits from this 'attitude of gratitude' Paul projects, as they conduct ministry in their context.

*I thank God for our Accountable Leadership Board* as it has engaged in four months of discussion about who we are here at Our Lord's, adding, in October, the layer of financial attachment to that identity. Guided by both hard and soft numbers and our congregational population, we are developing a narrative understanding of the coming year for the ministry budget.

This process of understanding and alignment has brought to an end the Our Lord's staff employment of Elizabeth Ware, effective October 29, 2019.

As Elizabeth makes this transition, she clearly understands the value of her family as members of Our Lord's congregation, and I have extended my heartfelt invitation for them to be present and participating as they are willing/able. *I am grateful to Elizabeth* for her courage and faithful service to this congregation through ample times of difficulty and change.

At our Charge Conference on November 17, we will celebrate Elizabeth's five years of ministry at Our Lord's.

*I thank God for this congregation* who will be exploring the ownership of mission and ministry in the days ahead - first identifying the needs felt within and outside these walls and then naming gifts evident and available to meet these needs. I am learning that gratitude is an important ingredient for long-lasting personal transformation and community sustainability and I look forward to sharing more about this throughout November.

*I pray, with a grateful heart, for each of you* in this season of thanksgiving. I hope that you will be present for the November celebrations, summarized below; that you will participate in stewardship with intentional gratitude; and that you hear God's voice of grace and invitation igniting a lively, faith-filled purpose for you in this community.

God's peace be with you,  
Pastor Kelly

**NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS** *"Give thanks in every situation..."*(1 Thessalonians 5:18 CEB)  
**Let Us Be Grateful Together this Month!**

- November 3 All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion
- November 10 Stewardship Gifts Blessing Sunday
- November 17 All Church Conference: Worship/Shared Meal/Ministry celebration and vision
- November 24 Christ the King Sunday
- November 28 **Thanksgiving Day**

**FALL GREETINGS FROM NEW BERLIN PRESCHOOL!**

We are well into the school year and enjoying all the fall activities. We have been exploring the changing leaves, the many different tastes of apples and the pumpkin harvest. Our first field trip to Swan's Pumpkin Farm was cut short due to cold, wet weather, but all was not lost. The students enjoyed an eagerly anticipated bus ride, a first for many students; collected pumpkins to take home; and enjoyed a puppet show. The students had a surprise visit at the farm from a student's father. He showed up with his co-workers in their FIRE TRUCK! What can get better than that?



This month we will turn our attention to Thanksgiving. The students prepare for this with a theme on Manners and Nutrition, which leads nicely to a celebration of Thanksgiving. It is the time of year to give thanks for the many blessings that we have. We, at New Berlin Preschool, feel blessed to have found this wonderful home at Our Lord's United Methodist Church. Have a wonderful and blessed November!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Children and Youth

Classes for children and youth are held in the classrooms upstairs.

### Adult Classes

The Adult Sunday School classes are underway, starting about 10:45 after the church service. To allow all adults to participate in the Adult Sunday School classes, Ashley, the nursery coordinator, is providing weekly nursery care on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. With this service, you are encouraged to participate in one of the following classes.

**Christian Living Class** – The Christian Living Class, based on the book *Taste and See*, continues to be most interesting. In the class on the chapter *A Plate of Sweet and Succulent Figs*, participants brought in a wide variety of fruit to demonstrate God's fruitfulness. For the next class, the hands-on activity was making and baking matzo bread and of course tasting it. The class only had 18 minutes to make the matzo from start to finish as that would have been the amount of time the Israelites had to escape from Egypt. The next class is based on the chapter *A Dash of Sea Salt*. It is still worth your time to join this class.

**Bible Study Class** – The Bible Study Class is based on the book *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame* by Albert Haase. The class voted to stay with this book until it is finished, which will be about the end of the year. In January, with the help of Pastor Kelly, the class will work from the lectionary. This class is open to everyone since there is no pre-study work to be done, so come and learn together and be in God's Word.

**Tuesday AM Bible Study Class** - If you cannot stay for the Sunday morning Bible Study class, you have another opportunity to learn more about God's word. This class meets every week on Tuesday morning in the Wesley Room next to the sanctuary from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

For the next several weeks, this class will study the Book of Proverbs, also known as the Book of Wisdom, in the Bible. You will discuss phrases that teach daily values to live by and to enrich your life. Each person is encouraged to bring their own Bible; however, if you forget, there are a variety of translations on the bookshelves in the Garden Room. It promises to be another great learning experience.

## OFFERING WELCOMING AND HELPING HANDS

The Lord our God has chosen us His people, to share His love in getting to know and help each other. Our church has been known for its friendliness and family feel. As our fall activities get underway at church, let us be welcoming to those visiting with us and help them to feel included. Also, God asks us to bring others to hear His Word, so let's try to bring people to a safe and caring place to learn about God's special love for them.

God calls us to help carry the burdens of others (GALATIANS 6:2). Here within your church is a group of people willing to help our members and friends. This Caring Ministries team will do its best to help those in need: bring a meal, pray with you, come for a visit to talk and listen with you, or, if you are homebound and would like to receive communion, please call the office or Rebecca Radick at 262-679-2710. We are here to support each one of you for we are a family of God's and want to be His hands and feet, heart and voice in sharing his love!

## MAKING AN IMPACT

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The October Noisy Bucket donations will be used to buy turkeys for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, starting November 3. The food donated in this drive will be given to the New Berlin Food Pantry and the UMCS (United Methodist Children's Services) Food Pantry.

The foods needed are as follows:

Stuffing Mix	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Turkey Gravy (jar or package)
Canned Yams	Cranberry Sauce	Canned Vegetables
Cornbread Mix	Canned Pumpkin/Fruit Pie Filling	Pie Crust Mix
Salt/Pepper	Macaroni and Cheese	Cream of Mushroom Soup, Green Beans, French Fried Onion Rings (Green Bean Casserole)
Cake/Brownie Mix	Can of Frosting	Vegetable Oil
Powdered Drink Mixes	Instant Coffee	Teabags
Coffee Creamer	Sugar	Rice
Dried Beans	Peanut Butter	Jam
Mayonnaise	Jello/Pudding Mix	Cereal
Graham Crackers	Crackers	Cheese (in a can)

Please put the above list on your refrigerator and buy some of the items each time you go shopping. You can start to bring your food items to church on November 3.

If you have access to boxes used to package reams of paper, please bring them to church. These boxes are used to package the food donations and transport them to the food pantries. Food donations will be packed after the service on November 24. Thank you for making an IMPACT this Thanksgiving with our food drive!

### Cathedral Center

The next opportunity to serve at Cathedral Center, a shelter for homeless women and families, located at 845 N. Van Buren, is **Monday, December 2**.

The group of four or five people from Our Lord's sign up to purchase, prepare, make a meal, and transport it downtown to serve it to the women and families staying at the Center. The number of people we serve is approximately 50, but the number varies. We provide a hot dish, salad or fruit, dessert, and beverages. We meet at the church at 6:00 to carpool to the center. The meal is served at 7:00. After we serve and clean up, we prepare a designated number of sandwiches that the people can take with them for lunch the next day. The food for those sandwiches is at the Center for us to use. We are back at church by 8:30.

This is a wonderful way to serve our community, and we always welcome new people to join us. Please consider this worthwhile mission work. If you can't make part of the meal, you can sign up to go and serve. There is always someone who goes along who has served before and knows the procedures to follow.

A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Narthex. For any questions you may have, please call Linda Suminski at 414-425-6080 or Wenda Cichucki at 414-702-3612.

## **The Gathering**

If you have never served at the Gathering meal program, you have missed a great opportunity to reach out to those in need. Why not make it your New Year's Resolution for 2020? It may seem early to be thinking about resolutions, but the days and weeks are flying along!!

To help you plan ahead, here are the 2020 dates, all at the south side Gathering site on Layton Boulevard: Saturday, April 18, May 30, September 19, and October 24.

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all the people who worked to provide a time of fellowship for those church members who cannot get to church as often as they would like. At the lunch for these homebound members on October 17, 12 such men and women were served a special meal, had a great sing-along led by Susie Brown, and had the opportunity to meet Pastor Kelly.

In addition to the 12 guests, 19 people helped with the preparations: decorated the room, shopped and prepared the food, served the meal, cleaned up, and drove the guests to and from church. A special thanks to Dan (associated with the New Berlin Preschool), for driving a lift van to pick up those in a wheel chair. It was truly a wonderful and blessed event for all involved!

## **United Methodist Women**

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT - Christmas Cookies and More!!! Sale**

The traditional UMW Christmas Cookies and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 8, after the church service. Set-up day is Saturday, December 7, starting at 9:00. All the proceeds from this sale go toward missions; the missions receiving these funds will be identified after the sale.

In addition to the Christmas cookies and bakery, this sale will have the popular Christmas Revisited section and gifts such as Recipe Jars, candy, caramel corn, and the like.

For this sale to be successful, many hands are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the narthex. Please sign up for how you can help.

### **SUMMARY OF SOUTH EAST DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL GATHERING**

The highlight of the South East District UMW Annual Gathering held October 5 at Delavan UMC, was the celebration, led by Rev. Grace Cajiuaat, of UMW's 150 years of work in missions. It was a remarkable sight to see about 60/70 women marching around the sanctuary waving signs demonstrating the benefits of being a UMW member and singing *We Are Marching in the Light of God*. Even more remarkable is what UMW has managed to achieve in Wisconsin in those 150 years: Northcott Neighborhood House and United Methodist Children's Services in Milwaukee and Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior. Donations from UMW units' fundraisers around the state help to support these missions.

## UMW READING PROGRAM

The books selected for the 2020 UMW Reading Program are *House in the Sky* (Education for Mission), *Feathered* (Leadership Development), *Tilly and the Crazy Eights* (Nurturing for Community), *Midnight Teacher* (Social Action), *Working Class Rage* (Spiritual Growth). These books will be available in the UMW Reading Program section of the church library in November. For details about the UMW Reading Program, please contact Gwenda Szczygielski at [gm53151@wi.rr.com](mailto:gm53151@wi.rr.com) or after the church service on Sunday mornings.

## CHURCH VEGGIE AND FLOWER GARDEN

The church veggie and flower garden was most productive in 2019 for everyone. Six gardeners participated this year and their comments about their gardening experience follow:

**From Chris Clement** - Participating in the community garden continues to be an exhilarating and rewarding experience. The joys include working together and sharing, growing and enjoying one's own food including trying something new (leeks this year), and being immersed in the natural world. Many thanks to all for making the garden renovation a success.

**From Mary Schulz** - It took many hands to transform the garden into the space it is today. I began the growing season very grateful for all the hands that worked. During the waiting to be able to plant, I worried that we would never get the veggies in and would we even have a harvest? Then up came the plants and the weeds! So I had plenty of time, as I weeded, to consider the parables of Jesus concerning sowing, reaping, the wheat and the tares. And I wondered, can you bear fruit when you are entangled in weeds? The garden provided me time to think and feel the wonder of watching seeds become beautiful food. And I had a lot of food in there to eat and to share. I usually left the garden dirty and sweaty and feeling really happy.

**From Lynda McDowell** –Dirt under my nails drives me crazy. Being close and personal with bugs gives me the creeps. Bending and kneeling while pulling weeds makes my back and knees hurt. BUT, tasting that first red ripe juicy tomato makes it all worthwhile. Enjoying the beauty of blossoms and developing vegetables is a thrill. Come and join us at the church garden for loads of fun

**From Gwenda Szczygielski** – The church veggie garden was renovated in 2019\_and my goodness, my squares were SO PRODUCTIVE. I froze my tomatoes, zucchini, and green beans, made some ratatouille with them, and enjoyed them just as they were - picked off plant. When I could not garden, the other gardeners weeded and harvested for me. All of it was such a great learning experience that I plan to repeat in 2020, but with a smaller space!

### **Pat Garrigues and Jan Gibeau**

Pat and Jan were unable to start their veggie/flower gardens at the same time the other gardeners were planting. However, they were able to use some areas that had not been assigned. Pat had a variety of veggies that she put out for sale to the congregation, while Jan grew some lovely sunflowers that the birds will enjoy over the winter.

As a trial, the gardeners planted full-size pumpkins, hoping to sell them; however, those pumpkins did not last long. They were good for decoration while they did last. Over the winter, the gardeners will discuss what to do with the area under the plastic.

## HELP THE PLANET AND CLEAN OUT YOUR CLUTTER

Here is new additional way to recycle and help New Berlin Senior Citizens Club to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags, wrap, and film. When 500 pounds are collected, New Berlin Senior Citizens Club will receive a plastic park bench for our community from the TREX Recycling Project.



What items should you save for this project?

### RECYCLE Beyond the BAG

#### FROM THE STORE

Produce bags; Store bags; Ice bags etc.

#### FROM YOUR PANTRY

Reclosable bags; Cereal box liners; Case overwrap; Bread bags etc.

#### FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

Newspaper sleeves; Dry cleaning bags; Bubble wrap; Plastic e-commerce mailers etc.

**All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue**

Bags with your recyclable plastics can be taken to:

The Senior Citizens Center any Monday from 8:30-4:00 or Wednesday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. at the Community Center, 14750 W. Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin

UMW will also provide a box in the Narthex for recycled bags and wrap.

Please contact Pat Garrigues at 262-298-9097 with any questions

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Are you ready to vote in the next election? Remember your vote matters! Review the questions below and see which ones apply to you.

- Are you a new voter?
- Are you still registered if you've missed a few elections?
- Have you changed your address? (A new apartment number in the same building is still a new address!)
- Do you want to vote absentee?
- What do you need for a photo proof of identity or proof of address?

Whatever your question may be, find answers and register to vote at: **myvote.wi.gov**

Your next election might be Tuesday, February 18, 2020 for a local primary. Be prepared! If you are not comfortable about using the internet, UMW can schedule a time for Pat Garrigues to help you. Or someone from League of Women Voters is available to help a group with your voter registration questions. Contact Pat for details on this service.



Jayden Ware	11/3
Judy Seepsey	11/5
Janet Huss	11/6
Emma Merschdorf	11/7
Nolan Van Haren	11/7
Mark Radick	11/8
Roberta Gorzek	11/9
Jack Love	11/13
Kelly Fowler	11/13
Becky Perreault	11/15
Craig McGarry	11/16
Nathan Falk	11/17
Beau Vent	11/18
Susie Brown	11/20
Brianna Kesler	11/20
Rod Peterson	11/20
Leah Perreault	11/23
Kim Cichucki	11/25
Ross Blount	11/26
Glen Spence	11/27
Andy Paquette	11/28
Len Haubert	11/29
Gregory Mewhorter	11/29
Miles Perreault	11/29