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Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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The Land Beneath Our Feet

Acknowledging This Land

It is so easy to take for granted the earth which sustains us with all we need for our physical health and how the earth's beauty testifies to God's presence. Not only do we thank God for the ground upon which Our Lord's was built, but we owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before and cared for this land. Scripture teaches us to remember that we were bought with a price. History reveals that forced removal of a targeted group of people and generational trauma was the price paid for acquisition of the very ground our communities and churches are built upon. The light of Christ brings all things hidden into view. Our role as seekers of justice is to not look away, but to bring into light what we have learned in order to promote justice and healing. The ALB has approved the following:

Land Acknowledgement for Our Lord's United Methodist Church

~We acknowledge the Algonquin language family*, who for countless generations, have been the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather.

~We acknowledge that in September 1833, representative of the Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi ceded southeastern Wisconsin to the United State government.

~We acknowledge, today, the pain and suffering that came before the unjust land acquisition from which we benefit.

~We honor the continued contributions made to our state by the Algonquin language family.

*Anthropologists identify Native Americans by language families.

Source: *New Berlin, Wisconsin to 1900: Not as German as You'd Think* by Mary Ella Milham

This Land Acknowledgement will be found on our church website, within our SALT publication, and in an outdoor space to be determined in the future.



A Word from Pastor Kelly

“Together for Joy”

We're entering the time of year when opportunities to gather, to give and to offer gratitude abound. Grateful for the growing season of summer, Fall invites us to slow down, turn in toward those familiar to us, toward rituals and traditions that bring comfort to our hearts. It is good to be thankful, to reflect our gratitude to God for the abundance we enjoy, for the blessings of healing and new life, for the hope that sustains our faith.

The Church celebrates Fall, too. We reflect and give thanks; we gather around the familiar AND we set our sights on what is to come – the continuation of living our call as disciples of Jesus and ministers, ALL, to the community we serve.

To that end, the ALB, led by the Finance team, brings forth to the congregation its campaign for Stewardship to support 2023. The theme this year is ‘Together For Joy’. Text: Psalm 98, “O sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things!” And here is the schedule:

Week One: A mailing with materials for personal reflection and response is sent.
Sunday 11/6: We come to the Table, “Together For Joy” with gratitude and hope.

Week Two: Everyone prays heartily for the ministry we're ALL called to share.
Sunday 11/13: We witness to our heritage and vision with hope.

Week Three: Everyone prepares their response card commitments with intention.
Sunday 11/20: We celebrate and consecrate our pledged ministry support for 2023.

We'll then lift our ALB in prayer as they unseal and apply your intent of support to the 2023 projection of need for ministry. In the spirit of abundance, ‘Together for Joy’ we pray that ministry will be fully funded through the stewardship you pledge.

At your Thanksgiving holiday tables, give thanks to God for Our Lord's UMC!

And SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, December 4: Church Conference @ 11:15 a.m.
NEW THIS YEAR: a pre-conference gathering hosted by your Accountable Leadership Board! @10:15 a.m.

Peace be with each of you,
Pastor Kelly



Harvest Prayer

Our Father, Creator of the Earth and everything in it, we look on all You have given us and say, "It is Good!" The fields are fertile with grasses and grains to feed Your living creatures. The sunshine continues to stream through the skies to aid growth. The rain-blessed soil is yielding the fruits of the season. Keep in Your care the farmers, who harvest the crops, the truckers and the grocers, the canners and the bakers, the buyers and the cooks, who all bring the food we eat. Father, we are richly blessed as we harvest the fruits of Your goodness, as it keeps us strong to do Your will. We pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the true Bread of Life. Amen.

*(from Portals of Prayer Devotional)
Submitted by Rebecca Radick*



The holidays are fast approaching us and for some people it can be a lonely time, especially if family and friends are far away. Our Lord Jesus is a great comforter and loves all His people. He sends His angels/people to surround and support us (Ps. 91:11). There is a place here at OLUMC that can help with loneliness. Come join us on Monday, November 21st, and December 19th at 10:00 a.m. for a fun fellowship time with others in the Garden Room. When we hear the devotional and have great discussions, we feel the Lord's presence and His love filling our hearts and we are not alone anymore. Hope to see you soon!



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](#).

Re-Entry Team Update

As we approach Winter and the traditional flu season, we felt it was time to review our current Covid guidelines to see if anything needed to be adjusted. Covid appears to be moving from **Pandemic** (widespread infection which spreads rapidly across international borders) to **Endemic** (baseline amount of infection is expected within a community at any given time). Flu is an example of an endemic infection which has a baseline presence and generally increases during the Winter months. Covid appears to be following a similar pattern as new variants continue to evolve, and boosters will most likely become an annual recommendation for some individuals just like the flu. Waukesha County is considered LOW risk at this time even though numbers have started to increase again. Despite this probable “seasonal” increase, it no longer presents the threat that it has over the past two years as we now have both immunizations and treatments available to keep the infection controlled. With this transition from pandemic to endemic status, primary responsibility for protection has also moved from government/corporate/organization to personal. Masking is no longer required in most venues outside healthcare facilities and the CDC has recently eased masking requirements for staff, patients, and visitors in areas where Covid is not considered at high levels. (Individual facilities can still mandate masking even if the CDC requirement has been lifted). Proof of vaccination may still be required for some activities, although that too is quickly disappearing – even for travel. Living with “endemic” Covid may also mean scrapping strict quarantine mandates and easing restrictions on gatherings. Personal responsibility will guide what individuals feel comfortable with as mandates disappear.

Given the above considerations, the Re-Entry team is making the following recommendations:

1. We will continue to be a “mask-affirming” congregation for those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask in public.
2. We will continue to maintain distancing in the sanctuary as we are fortunate to have enough room to sit in every other pew. We would ask that you try to stay at least 3 feet apart when visiting for extended periods of time after the service.
3. We will plan to re-open the kitchen after it undergoes a deep cleaning. Initially we would make this available only for preparing food for serving (i.e. brought in from the outside, but not cooked on site). Full use of the cooking facilities, dishes, dishwasher, etc. will resume at a later point.

4. Coffee Fellowship can resume after church if individuals are willing to sign up to manage it.
5. We will continue to have the offering deposited by individuals into the orange buckets rather than passing the plates.
6. Alternative means of serving communion (coming to the rail or intinction) may be considered, with individual servings always being available to those who wish to partake in that way.
7. Use of the church facilities will once again be fully available to individuals or groups who schedule through the church office and are willing to follow the guidelines and pay the appropriate cleaning fee.
8. Individuals are asked to test if they are symptomatic or have a known exposure to Covid and to stay home/follow current quarantine guidelines with a positive test. If you test positive after being in church, please call the office so others can be notified regarding a possible exposure.

All guidelines will be subject to ongoing review as infection numbers are monitored. Any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee.

Pat Mehring, Paul Davis, Dave Smith, Pastor Kelly

Banners are Coming!

We received a UM Foundation grant this year to create and install welcome banners from the light poles in our parking lot. The goal: to build another bridge of welcome from the road to our building, to us, to the ministry, and to the heart of God. The two-sided banners will offer a welcome greeting and a sending forth in peace in English, Spanish, Korean and Hmong, German and Ojibwe.



The handbell choir resumes their rehearsals this month. New players are always welcome, regardless of experience! If you are interested in learning more, please contact [Becky Perreault](#). Be watching the What's Happening emails for practice dates/time and play dates!



Asaiah Ware	11/3
Emma Merschorf	11/7
Mark Radick	11/8
Kelly Fowler	11/13
Becky Perreault	11/15
Nathan Falk	11/17
Beau Veit	11/18
Brianna Kesler	11/20
Rod Peterson	11/20
Leah Perreault	11/23
Allen Falk	11/26
Len Haubert	11/29
Miles Perreault	11/29



Just a Friendly Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!



Mike and Deb Meyer are new grandparents to a baby girl, Maija Lauren McAllister, born to Heather and Conner on Oct. 25th and weighing 9 lbs., 1.7 oz., and 21”.

Many blessings to the new family!

November Calendar of Events



- Tuesday, 11/1 Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 11/2 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Saturday, 11/5 **Daylight Savings Time ends** on 11/6 - remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed
- Sunday, 11/6 Worship service/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 11/8 Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 11/9 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 11/13 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 11/15 Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 11/16 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 11/20 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Articles for December SALT due
- Monday, 11/21 Monday Funday, 10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Tuesday, 11/22 Staff meeting 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 11/23 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Thursday, 11/24 Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Friday, 11/25 Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Sunday, 11/27 Worship service/UM Student Day, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 11/29 Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
ALB meeting, 6:30 p.m., Garden Room/Zoom
- Wednesday, 11/30 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room

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Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



There's a Place for YOU Here!

On the back of every Sunday bulletin we list the names of all those who serve as helpers during our worship services. We'd be happy to add YOUR name to the list of volunteers who make Sunday worship services run smoothly. Below are a few of the areas available for serving:

Acolytes—Light altar candles before service and extinguish them after the service.

Ushers—Greet guests as they enter. Help with walkers/wheelchairs/special needs. Hand out worship materials. Take attendance. Help collect offerings. Clean up pews after service.

Worship leaders/liturgists—Lead the congregation in response readings. Read Bible verses during worship.

Social media—Direct Facebook live stream worship service on the iPad.

Tech room—Help with audio and visual during the worship service.

Counters—Help count the weekly donations. Prepare weekly deposit.

Pick up an orange volunteer card from the Sign-Up Table in the narthex, fill it out, and drop it in one of the orange offering buckets, or call the church office at 414-425-7030 and let Tabitha know you'd like to help!

Church & Society Poll

Sponsoring a blood drive for the January day of service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is being considered by the Church and Society team. Providing a service for our community which honors Dr. King's legacy and brings our serving presence into the community light is our goal. In order to meet the requirements of hosting a blood drive, we need to have 20 donors. A quick poll was taken during the October 22nd worship service. Knowing that not everyone can attend in person, we wish to extend the poll to folks in as many ways as possible.



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If you would wish to donate (and medical issues do not prohibit you from doing so) please contact the church office via email, office@ourlordsumc.org or by phone at (414) 425-7030. Directly speaking to Karen Haubert or Mary Schulz will work too!

Certainly the team is open to any and all ideas you may have other than a blood drive which could engage many minds and hearts for this special day of service. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas with Karen, Mary or the church office. We would love to hear your ideas!

Submitted by Mary Schulz



Linda Suminski and Wenda Cichucki would like to thank everyone who donated items for the meals that were served at The Cathedral Center on October 4th. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we were able to serve 53 people!

Be watching the SALT and What's Happening emails for upcoming dates to serve at The Cathedral Center.



Celebrating this Giving Land

It is with a heart full of praise that we celebrate the harvest total of 757 pounds of fresh vegetables and greens from the Giving Garden. This abundance was shared to serve clients of the New Berlin Food Pantry and United Methodist Children's Services. Through the direction of Lynda McDowell and her grandson, Jake, teen volunteers helped with the initial prep and planting of the large community space, transplanting raspberries, hauling out weeds, watering and putting the garden to rest in October. Thank you to all the gardeners for their investment of time to tend to the needs of a growing garden, harvesting, weighing, and delivering produce.

Submitted by Mary Schulz

Partnering for Future Care

The late Perry Huyck built and introduced the raised beds in the parking lot as demonstration gardens. Purposing these beds as a Monarch Way Station is a dream still in the making. We know our pollinators are in trouble and we can use the gift of our land to help. In order to make this dream a reality, the beds will have to be moved from the parking lot to a new location. This can be accomplished, and after trial and error in planting Monarch friendly plants, there is a much clearer idea of what needs to be included. What is needed is partnership between our church community and our wider city community. Do you know of a school course, club, garden group or anyone interested in learning working toward solving the plight of the Monarchs? Do you have perennials that you need to transplant and would love for them to find a home in a Monarch Way Station? Do you know of a service organization that would be interested in helping preserve our already established butterfly garden and flowers tended by Gwenda Szczygielski and Lynda McDowell? Do you have any grandchildren that would love to be a part of our Giving Garden? If you do we would LOVE to hear from you. You can always call the church office to leave your information with Tabitha. You can also speak to Pastor Kelly or Mary Schulz.

With an eye to the future we thank our Creator for the opportunity to co-create in tending to habitat needs.

Submitted by Mary Schulz



"They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress." Psalm 107:6

The power of prayer starts at the beginning. Jesu tells us that prayers are like a child coming to a loving parent or grandparent to simply talk to them. It's not a disadvantage as a grown-up wants to enrich their prayer life, but it does mean we have to go back to the beginning. Jesu's closest followers came to Him and asked, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) As Jewish grown men, they had been praying their whole lives, every day, the prayers of David, of Moses, and their own. Yet they came to Jesus admitting that they had so much more to learn. WE must realize that we too are a failure to prayer. Becoming a constant beginner and coming to Jesus is a very good place to start, by saying, "Lord, teach me to pray" and asking for the grace of a praying heart. Jesus didn't conduct a seminar to teach His disciples. HE turned His face toward the sky and prayed the words we've come to call the 'Lord's Prayer'. HE taught by doing! We can learn from His example. We can and should study His Prayer, but the best thing is just to do it, no matter how clumsy our prayers might be. In the words of Brother Lawrence, "These prayers which, however short, are very acceptable to God. A little lifting up of the heart shows remembrance of God, one act of inward worship."

Begin again and again, asking for the grace of a praying heart with your humble efforts. Just as God will answer all prayers, He will bestow His grace to a praying heart!

If you are in need of prayer, please call on the Caring Ministries Team and we will be glad to pray with and for you. May God bless you every day!

(Excerpts from Guidepost Mag/ Author Bob Hostetler)

Submitted by Rebecca Radick



On Tuesday, October 17th, Carol Heinert, Debbie Huyck, Kathy Depies, and Margo Hoelzer served 120 meals for the hungry and homeless at The Gathering. Many thanks to everyone who donated the food and items to prepare these meals!

Keep watching the What's Happening and SALT newsletter for future dates to volunteer!

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 [YouTube](#) 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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