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Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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There's a Place for You Here!

Did the # BeUMC worship series prompt in you a desire for more information about The United Methodist Church? As a longtime friend of Our Lord's are you now ready to explore becoming a full member of the Church?

Pastor Kelly will hold a membership class based on the model of Church of the Resurrection UMC in Leeswood, Kansas, where Rev. Adam Hamilton leads, on Sunday, September 18th, in the Garden Room after the worship service. This model offers a general orientation to United Methodism, specifics about Our Lord's, leaves room for your questions and then invites you to jump in if you feel ready to do so, supported and welcomed by our Lay Leader and Board representatives. Reserve your spot through the office or on the sign up table beginning September 1st for materials preparation.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH



A Word from Pastor Kelly

Acts 2 AND Micah 6:8 = Church

The emerging community Luke writes about in Acts is eager to share, communally, everything they have. There is an energy in their being together that you feel as you read the text. They don't seem concerned about the 'how to' logistics or the 'what if' consequences of their desired fellowship and devoted works. The needs of the community internally are met without worry even as they strive to meet the needs of the people, without judgment. There is motion in their life together as the Spirit moves them and they move with the Spirit. It's really beautiful and always tugs at my heart with hope to lead a community so trusting, so faithful, so willing, so eager to be who God is calling them to be. The prophet, Micah, adds a little insight as to the attributes one, who is a part of a Christian community, must exhibit: seeking justice, loving kindness and a humble journeying with God.

My impressions here are not exegetical, rather impressions of ancient texts and peoples. Often, when I study scripture, I begin with a prayer for openness for today's application for my life and my work, as a pastoral leader. In this post COVID season, we are embracing the opportunity to step anew into our identity, our space and place and our mission and ministry here at Our Lord's UMC. This is a process our entire denomination is also engaging as we strive to repair broken places, heal severed parts and prepare for new steps forward beginning with the election of new Bishops this Fall.

Closer to home, I see and hear the temptation to look back and lament over what is no more. Our Lord's in 2022 is simply not the same as in decades past. Navigating through this pandemic apart has given a few folx the time needed to offer their insights and pain for prayer and healing. These persons are now, free, to move toward or away without shame or guilt. Building pastoral relationships and trust is important, and often 'below the radar' work. Programming and events always build enthusiasm even as they serve need or expand partnerships – these, are the work of the people as everyone is invited! Investing in what is to come may, to some, seem futile without the big staff and large number of members. Friends, I'm here to say that the Spirit IS moving among us and that God has work for us ahead! Focusing on hurdles will not make our journey easy – focusing on God will give us the strength we need to persevere. No matter the size, we rise to the call. We are God's people, one and ALL!

Peace be with 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](#).



Our next fellowship dates to put on your calendars are: September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, and December

12th (one week earlier than our usual schedule.)

Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many rooms..." John 14:2

Mondays may be the start of a new week that is full of many activities. But the Father God has made a place, the church, full of rooms to come and rest and be restored. Come on the third Monday of each month to the Garden Room at 10:00 a.m. There's a place for you to hear the Word through a devotional and enjoy the fellowship of others, to be strengthened and comforted.

Lord, let us hear Your Message with open ears; to be restored and leave with a loving heart to support others. Amen.

Handbell Rehearsals Resume Soon!

Handbell practices will resume in October, with dates to be announced. Be watching the What's Happening emails and the SALT newsletter for further information.

Interested in joining the handbell choir at Our Lord's? Players of ALL levels are welcome, including beginners! For more information, contact Becky Perreault at becky.perreault72@gmail.com.





Wisconsin Conference
of The United Methodist Church



Beloved Churches in the South East District,

Grace and peace to you all, as you strive to be the church of Christ in making disciples for the transformation of the world. Through our Wesleyan heritage of "The World is my Parish," we reflect this contextually in our localities through the wonderful opportunities we have been blessed with the grace and gifts of our membership to fulfill God's purpose. Through the years, whether on special occasions such as church anniversaries, baptism, confirmation, weddings, profession of faith, mission ventures, and more. We have lived to testify and witness God's mighty, miraculous and mysterious acts in our ministries to his glory.

We have, in many ways, lived the experiences of our biblical heritage, whether hurriedly leaving Egypt as commanded to escape the angel of death into the Red Sea with the enemy behind. Or miraculously making it into the desert and living on nothing but manna reluctantly with complaints. The journey to the promised land was long and challenging, as seen in trials, temptation, tribulation, tests, trauma, etc. We can relate to the Hebrews of ancient times with our own experiences in the form of joys and challenges we have encountered in our lives. But we have been strengthened at such times by these words of assurance from Paul, who questions, "What can separate us from the love of God" Is it sickness, persecution, troubles, hardships, or even death? He also stresses the inevitability of these things but affirms that we are more than conquerors because of Christ! Then he calls on us to rejoice and stresses rejoice again, giving thanks to God in all things, with prayer and supplication, making our request known to God.

Through these scriptures, Paul reminds us of God's faithfulness manifested through Christ and has become our hope of eternity. That has been the anchor of our faith through all these years. God's faithfulness has never ceased, nor has his mercies come to an end. Every morning we have awoken with hope for the day as the sun rises and sets in the evening. God has manifested his love for us through these mighty acts, promising providence, protection, and preservation. What a mighty God we serve!

These acts have been the hope to which we have hung in times like this bringing us thus far by faith. Through the centuries, we have lived the faith in a wounded world filled with pain, suffering, and what have you. That is our discipleship calling to respond to a world that is crying for help. As we have responded to these, the harvest has been plenty with few labors. So, what can we do? Pray without ceasing for more labors to be sent by the master. Such has been our challenge as depicted by circumstances of the COVID, with infections and death which have left us frustrated, fearful, and frightened. But we are reminded not to fear, for God is with us as always.

As I step into the role of the DS for the Southeast District, it is my fervent prayer and hope that God guides, strengthens, and sustains us to carry on his mission through the life of our churches to his glory. We are a unique district in all sense, given our attributes. Therefore, I thank you all for your ministries over the centuries, from the older churches to the newly emerging churches, to God be the glory.

My prayer and hope are for us to become a beloved community that connects, cooperates, collaborates, and contributes to the church's mission through the priority of the Conference in making disciples with Racial Justice and Radical Inclusion.

Blessings.

Rev. Ebenezer K. Insor

South East District Superintendent



Our Lord's will be preparing and dropping off a meal at The Cathedral Center on Tuesday, October 4th. Any prepared food needs to be dropped off at the church parking lot on that day at 5:45 p.m. to be delivered downtown by 6:15 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Sign-Up table in the narthex. If you have questions or would like more information, contact [Linda Suminski](#) or [Wenda Cichucki](#).



The Gathering is a meal site for the homeless and hungry. The next date reserved for Our Lord's UMC to serve is Monday, September 12th at 3:00 p.m. Please consider helping us serve! The guests are very thankful and appreciate our service.

If you'd like to help, email [Margo Hoelzer](#). We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 3:00 p.m. and returning at approximately 6:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

August

Kathy Peterson	8/1	Shirley Fell	8/13
Mark Stockton	8/2	Tom Makkoo	8/25
Orion Everson	8/5	Tobin Darnall	8/27
Joe Whyms	8/11	Dave Hempel	8/31
August Dascenzo	8/13	Don Fell	8/31



September



Karlee McCanna	9/1	Tom Mehring	9/23
Matthew Darnall	9/12	Roberta Stockton	9/24
Lynda McDowell	9/17	Mike Meyer	9/26
Lois McGarry	9/19	Tony Suminski	9/27
Chris Clements	9/21	Gwenda Szczygielski	9/28
Linda Suminski	9/22	Sandra Falk	9/30



September Calendar of Events

Sunday, 9/4	Worship service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 9/6	Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/7	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Saturday, 9/10	New Berlin Soccer Club Soccer Tournament parking in our lot
Sunday, 9/11	New Berlin Soap Box Derby parking in our lot
Sunday, 9/11	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, 9/12	OLUMC at The Gathering - meet in parking lot at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/13	Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/14	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Sunday, 9/18	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9/18	New Members Class immediately following the worship service
Monday, 9/19	Monday Funday, 10:00 a.m., Garden Room
Tuesday, 9/20	Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/21	October SALT articles due
Wednesday, 9/21	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Thursday, 9/22	Autumn begins
Sunday, 9/25	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 9/27	Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 9/27	ALB Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Garden Room/Zoom
Wednesday, 9/28	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room

Devotional

Jesus said, “If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing that?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” Mark 11:3

There is an exercise to try naming four winners of the Heisman Football Trophy or the four names of the Nobel Prize in any discipline. Then ask to list four names of friends/family member who helped you in a difficult situation or who taught you something important that you still use today. The point of this exercise is to help you see that the names of people we remember the most are those who influenced our lives and not the figures of sports or political people on TV or in the news.

The people who have made a difference in our personal lives can be called “Unlikely Heroes”! People such as those who read Bible stories to you when you were young or when in bed with an illness or suffering from cancer. It can be someone who brought you to an AA meeting with them or who gave you supplies/food when you couldn’t afford them. Maybe someone did your yard work when you were laid up with an injury or stopped by to visit and listened to your stories when you were homebound. It could be someone who sent you cards and devotionals for encouragement or brought you to church with them.

These ordinary people are heroes to us because they have shaped our lives. We are all witnesses for the Lord and in reaching out to others, we live on long after we are gone. We will be remembered for our faithfulness in helping others to know Christ in their lives.

The Bible shows us that God often uses ordinary, unlikely people/heroes to fulfill God’s purposes. Many of these people would seem unsuitable for a leadership role. Jacob was a schemer who cheated his brother out of his birthright. Moses was a murderer and reluctant to follow because he lacked the ability to speak fluently. Rahab was a prostitute who helped prevent the Hebrew spies from being captured. Mary, Jesus’ mother, was a peasant girl and David was a young keeper of sheep. A young boy shared his lunch that fed 5000 people and two of the disciples were uneducated fisherman. All those unlikely people/heroes made a difference in the lives of others because they made themselves available for God’s purposes to come alive!

1 Samuel 16:7 says, "The Lord does not see as mortals see, for they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." We often think it's hard to be positive and do positive things all the time, for we often slip back into doing negative things. We need to remember that God is always near to help us strive harder to be an example of Christ in everything we do and say. There is hope for us unworthy people to play an important part in God's wonderful plans for the world. God will use our ordinary actions to help others know Him and bring about His kingdom.

How and what can you do to bring new life and growth in our church again?
 Dear God, we are aware that Jesus' ministry needed many things from ordinary people; please help us to carry on your work in our church and society today. Amen.

Submitted by Rebecca Radick
 (excerpts from "The Upper Room", 6/2001)

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

We were so glad to be back in person at most annual conferences. It is always wonderful to meet the generous United Methodists that are the backbone of our ministry. Thank you to everyone who took the time to volunteer or bring in collected items at each of the conferences. Midwest Mission strives to ensure that those affected by a disaster receive the supplies they need to recover, and your work with us and your donations make it possible.



East Ohio
8,340 lbs



Illinois Great Rivers
3,303 lbs



Indiana
7,390 lbs



Iowa
2,572 lbs



Minnesota
2,687 lbs



Michigan
1,242 lbs



Northern Illinois
4,253 lbs



West Ohio
5,405 lbs



Wisconsin
10,580 lbs

Grand Total: **45,772 lbs**

Buildings and Grounds Ministries—Oh My!

~ The restroom sewer repair project and cost (\$12K) was announced in worship on August 14, 2022. Additional line work (\$3K) will be done.

~ Gutter application to the preschool area is slated the week of August 22, 2022.

~ The Trustees and volunteers have readied the Church House for occupancy beginning August 15, 2022 to Rev. Rob Odum. Please say hello when you see him outdoors!

~ Our parking lot is 'in demand' this Fall with activities resuming across at Valley View Park! Soccer Tournament participants and their families will use the lot on Saturday, September 10, 2022, for the day-long tournament. We are grateful to the soccer organizers for their donation!



~ On Sunday, September 11, 2022, our parking lot will hop all day long! We'll be welcoming the New Berlin Soapbox Derby goers and their donations for parking lot use. The Derby takes place across the street at Valleyview Park.

~ Friends, these emerging partnerships are important so please offer exemplary hospitality to our parking lot users if you plan to be on the grounds September 10-11th! Thank you!

~ And, watch for a Fall Clean-Up Date to be announced through What's Happening soon! We've got some great "Do Opps" that will make good use of YOUR time, talent and service as Church members and friends!





Mission Crafters

On Sunday, July 31st, during the Christmas in July “Drive-In Live” worship service, Pastor Kelly blessed items that were made by the Mission Crafters over the past several months. The Mission Crafters group meets each Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Garden Room for work and fellowship. Sometimes only four of us are there, sometimes we have as many as twelve. Feel free to stop in, say hello, or join us!

These are items that were made on Wednesdays as well as items made at home. Some items were even made by friends and neighbors of our members!

- *1250 bookmarks, to be given to area elementary schools in Fall 2002
- *70 handmade cards and envelopes, given to Caring Ministries
- *50 handmade Christmas cards, to be given to the Jail Ministry
- *70 knitted children's hats, given to UMCS
- *72 knitted and crocheted dishcloths, given to UMCS
- *64 knitted and crocheted water filter socks, given to Water with Blessings
- *16 flannel patchwork baby quilts, made from scraps, given to UMCS
- *Assorted knitted and crocheted scarves, given to UMCS
- *Assorted knitted and crocheted prayer shawls, given to hospice organizations
- *Assorted knitted and crocheted baby blankets for children

Thank you to Pastor Kelly for blessing these items, and may we all continue to pray for these organizations that help and comfort our community members.

Submitted by Debbie Huyck

JULY CHRISTMAS

This mid-summer celebration harkens our hearts toward all the holiday “feels” along with a renewed spirit of generosity and discipleship. Singing carols, blessing gifts and enjoying a holiday cookie made this a very special service of worship!







“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

In the course of life, we are bound to encounter disappointments, failures, disease, etc. When by the grace of God we overcome these challenges, we have the strength to bring support and encouragement to others who are facing similar struggles. This is what it means to obey Christ teachings of helping others carry their burdens. Through sufferings it will open doors to bring ministry to others.

Anytime of the day or night, no matter where we are, help is as close as a simple prayer and a willingness to accept the life-giving grace of Jesus, our Savior. We can lift our voices to the Lord and be assured that God hears us. God not only receives our requests but also acts on them. When we seek God in prayer, our relationship with God is strengthened.

In the Bible there are many examples of God hearing the prayers of His people. God always takes pleasure in listening to our prayers - so keep praying! Jesus is a good example in how He turned to God, His Father, for the strength He would need to face the agony ahead of him.

No matter our circumstances today, we are never separated from His body, the church. There is a good group of people here at Our Lord's UMC who will pray for you - for comfort, strength, and guidance, and who will listen for ways to be of help to you. So please don't hesitate to call the church office, Pastor Kelly, Chris Gyax, Carolyn Huebsch, Karen Haubert, Lynda McDowell, and Rebecca Radick if you have a need.

“To intercede for others is a privilege; to be prayed for is a comfort; and both reveal the body of Christ at work.” Thank you Lord, for the ministries of your church and for carrying about your people. Amen.

Submitted by Rebecca Radick

Garden Beauty

This summer our Giving Garden is not only producing beautiful produce, it has also been blessed by generous, creative hands and hearts! As of August 16th, the garden has produced 262.5 pounds of produce that has been delivered to both UMCS and the New Berlin Food Pantry! Sarah Huyck created a beautiful naming sign for the garden which hangs near the water barrel for ALL to see. Julie Dunham donated a wonderful plaque of remembrance for Perry Huyck placing it in the area where he planted in the garden. Pastor Kelly donated a pole person created by 'Story People' in Iowa as a whimsical reminder of hope. Please take time to visit the garden and give God thanks for this thriving ministry here at Our Lord's UMC.



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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