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THE NEWSLETTER OF OUR LORDS UM CHURCH

Greetings to Friends and Members of OLUMC

We are pleased to inform you that our District Superintendent Forrest Wells recently met with your Lay Leadership team to present a candidate as the next pastor at Our Lord’s. Below are some highlights from our time with Forrest and the new pastor last Sunday.

Forrest has appointed Rev. William (Bill) Church as our next Pastor beginning January 1st 2019. Pastor Bill has training and expertise as an interim pastor. He will spend the next 6 months leading us through a time of healing, and revisioning the identity of our faith community.

Interim pastors go through special training to guide congregations such as OLUMC through difficult transitions, healthy healing, and in understanding our vision and then developing a plan to move moving toward these common goals.

In addition to his regular duties Pastor Bill wants to start his time with us by organizing a series of small group listening sessions, so we will have an opportunity to be heard and ask questions. Understanding our common values as a congregation is a vital early step of Pastor Bill’s time with us.

Bill will work closely with Dick Jones to integrate his work with the recent consulting efforts between our leadership and Dick Jones on visioning and leadership.

Bill will have other specific goals during his time at OLUMC, including preparing our congregation for the appointment of a long-term pastor next July.

Our Lords UMC
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 Office Hours (Mon.-Thurs.)
 8:30am-12:30pm

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The appointment of an interim pastor is a strategic decision by Forrest Wells to help us move through this challenging time of transition. Interim pastor training is one of several specialties offered at divinity schools. Like many other specialties, there are not many pastors trained in this area, and we are fortunate to have Pastor Bill appointed to Our Lords.

Forrest will work with Pastor Bill to schedule our next charge conference for some time in late January. There will be a separate announcement on the charge conference date in the next week or two.

Please plan to join us on January 6th for Pastor Bill's first Sunday of worship with us.

Dave Smith; on behalf of your OLUMC leadership team.

United Methodist Women

Holiday Bazaar Update



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Holiday Bazaar in any way, including baking, set up and cleaning up, shopping, and all the other aspects of this event. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we raised about \$1,500; the distribution of this amount will be announced in the February 2019 Salt.

Future UMW Events

Closet Clean Out - On Wednesday, January 23, starting at 10:00, UMW will clean out its craft supplies closet and decide what to make in future Mission Crafters workshops. Some items under consideration for knitting and crocheting are prayer shawls, baptism blankets, and items for the 2019 Mitten Tree.

Saturday Afternoon at the Movies – In January (the date is still to be set and the movie chosen), UMW will begin its Saturday Afternoon at the Movies program again. This is a great way to spend a wintery Saturday afternoon watching a movie with a message, enjoying some popcorn and other snacks, then talking about the movie – its good, bad, indifferent points.

Even if you have hearing problems, you can still enjoy the movie as we always get a copy with subtitles.

Of course if you would like to enjoy this fellowship time but don't drive, contact Rebecca Radick (262-679-2710) or Gwenda Szczygielski (262-786-5265) and we will be sure to get you to the movies!



Trustees

Growing Veggies at Church

In January, a meeting will be held of all those people who are interested in growing veggies in the garden patch at church. It has been proposed that the veggie patch will be entirely fenced in (to keep the little critters out), divided into squares of about 4 feet by 8 feet, with walkways in between, and removing the compost enclosure. Probably the best time to have this meeting will be on a Sunday, after the church service, or depending on the interested people, after Sunday School.

Many details will need to be settled before the growing season starts and it is never too soon to start thinking about gardening in Wisconsin. If you are interested in this program, please check your calendars and contact Gwenda Szczygielski with your preferred date for a meeting in January to start the gardening season!!!

Updates & Follow-up

- Thank you to everyone that helped rearrange the furniture for the Holiday Bazaar (December 9).
- Please enjoy the “new” Narthex furniture arrangement. It is an effort to make the entrance more inviting to our guests and returning members.
- Cindy Long is downsizing and moving to Franklin. She has kindly donated some furniture which will be distributed throughout the church. Thank you, Cindy
- The tape on the Garden Room floor is covering a hole that needs repair. Please avoid that area. A method to repair the floor is being investigated.
- The room connected to the church office is no longer a meeting room. Pastor Bill requested a first-floor work space. You will find different furniture in that room.
- The Fellowship Hall Labyrinth sign and the first floor Youth Room sign have been removed. Great work, Dave!



Sunnyslope bridge is now open!

Attention All Women of Our Church

Programs focused on the women of our church are held primarily in the daytime. Do you wish there was something in the evening, maybe once a month, that you could come to? How about a fellowship group just to get to know other women in the church? Or how about an evening Bible study? Or a book club? Or a crafters group? Or??? There are many possibilities, but we just need to know what you want.

In January, an e-mail will be sent to those women of the church who are not available to participate in daytime programs. This e-mail will be followed up by a phone call to find out which evening will be best for a meeting of women who want more from our church than just a Sunday morning service. With this advance notice, please think about this new potential program, when this meeting should be held, what you need/want, and how you will benefit.



Caring Ministries

“My heart rejoices in the LORD! The LORD has made me strong” 1 Samuel 2:1

Your Caring Ministries Team of Our Lord’s church is here to pray for you, send a card, come for a visit or bring food to strengthen you. We want to help restore your soul with our love and fellowship so you do not feel alone. We are praying that wherever you are today, or anytime during the new year, you will see many blessings around you. Know that you are important to us and we are glad you are in our lives. We pray the Lord will fill your heart with happiness and send many rich blessings to each of you! Please feel free to contact us at any time for support.

With all our love:

Lynda McDowell, Karen Haubert, Chris Gygax

Leslie MacIntyre, Nan Lukonic

Chaplain Tony Clements, Rebecca Radick

Monday-Funday Open Fellowship Group - January 21st - 10am

“Bless the Lord ... who will satisfy your year with good things” Psalms103:2-5



Take time for yourself, relax and drop your stresses and worries. The Fellowship Group will meet on Monday January 21st at 10 AM in the Garden Room. So, put this date on your calendar and join us for a fun time to be with church friends and any friends you invite. Hear a devotional, play some games, build a puzzle, and enjoy good food. If you need a ride, call **Rebecca Radick at 262-679-2710** or call the church office.

Outreach

Would you like to help in a local mission project for 3 hours on a Saturday? Do you like greeting people and helping them get a nice, warm meal? Would you like to work with members from Our Lord's UMC, but also from Memorial UMC and Christ UMC?

THE GATHERING

The Gathering is a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind and spirit. In 2018 The Gathering served over 75,000 meals to guests through four neighborhood based sites.

On Saturday April 6th and Saturday May 18th we are scheduled to serve at the South Side Site, 724 S. Layton Blvd. Our Lord's needs 5 volunteers from 9:45am until 1pm. We prepare some of the food and assist the cooks in getting ready to serve. We welcome guests about 11:30-12:30 with warm smiles as we serve the food and clean up afterwards. Come and work with fellow United Methodists as we assist in this community based meal program.

On Saturday September 21st and Saturday October 26th we will serve at The Gathering's Downtown site, 924 W. State St., St. Ben's Parish. This is a larger site, with more guests, so each church is responsible for sending 8 volunteers on these days. Our work and mission remains the same.

Are you able to help? Mark one or several of these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. We can carpool from church or meet at the sites. Remember to bring some cookies, bars or milk as a donation. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Huyck at 414-545-6435 or ask me after a Sunday service. And if I ask you to serve, I hope you'll be able to say, "YES!"

Youth Corner

Mission Trip

When: Feb 23-24, 2019

Where: OLUMC and United Methodist Children's Service

Who: ALL youth currently in 7th grade up to 12th grade

Why: To express our faith in serving others. Complete a project at UMCS and of course have some fun!!!

Cost: \$30 (includes 3 meals and supplies at OLUMC)

Feb 23rd

8am — arrive at OLUMC

8:30am — Depart for UMCS

9a-3p — Mission Experience at UMCS with lunch included

3pm — depart UMCS

3:30pm — arrive OLUMC

3:30-4:30pm — Free time at the church

4:30-6:30pm — Cooking Project with Caring Ministries

6:30- 7:30pm — Dinner and Free choice

7:30 - 9pm — Mission Lesson

9 - 11pm — Free choice

11pm — Activities shut down and in "Rooms"

11:30pm — Lights out

Feb 24th

8am — Wake up call

8:30am — Breakfast in Garden Room

9am — finishing picking up

9:15-10:45am — Volunteering at church

10:45 am - 11:45am — Guest Speaker Perry (former Executive Director of UMCS)

Trackers of Truth (K4-3rd grade)

Trackers of Truth (4-6th grade)

Confirmation (7-8th grade)

LIVE (9-12th grade)

Sunday Worship

Jan 6th

9:30am Traditional Worship

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

Jan 13th

9:30am Traditional Worship

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

Jan 20th

9:30am Praise Worship

10:30am Fellowship

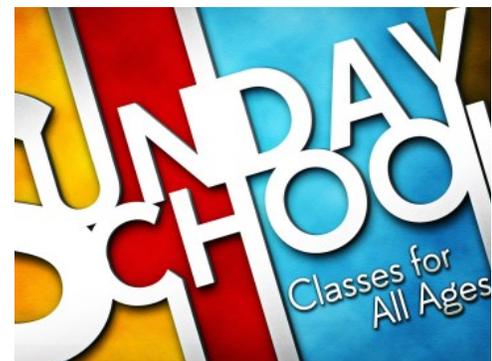
10:45am Sunday School

Jan 27th

9:30am Family Worship

10:30 Fellowship

10:45 Sunday School





Our Lord's United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

Dec. 4, 2018

Prepared by Amy Kesler

Present

Susie Brown, Paul Davis, Pat and Chuck Garrigues, Perry Huyck, Dick Jones, Amy Kesler, Jane Mackey, Pat Mehring, Rebecca Radick, Dave Smith and Elizabeth Ware

Opening

Dick Jones opened the meeting with prayer and the minutes were ratified following approval via email.

Finance Update – Dave Smith

Income for November was \$20,759, under budget by \$5,502, while expenses for November were \$16,068, under budget by \$10,193 resulting in a positive cash flow of \$4,691 for the month. November income did not include Pastoral Ministry expenses at a monthly budget amount of \$9,057. Year-to-date income was \$252,354, under budget by \$39,097, while expenses were \$266,637, under budget by \$24,813, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$14,282 year-to-date. A complete financial summary is available through the church office.

A revised preliminary budget was reviewed for 2019 including the reductions in apportionments and staff as agreed during the October meeting. The budget will be shared with the congregation during our Annual Charge Conference in January.

Staff Pastoral Relations (SPR) Update – Dave Smith

Dave confirmed with the district office that our search for a pastor continues. We are hopeful to have a temporary pastor identified by mid-January and a permanent pastor in June following Annual Conference. In the interim, Dave proposed keeping Elizabeth's hours at full-time on a month-to-month basis beginning in January to manage the administration of the church. The motion was made and passed. (P. Davis/J. Mackey)

Visioning – Dick Jones

Dick walked the group through a discussion concerning our needs during the transition, goals for the next couple of years and desired qualities for a new pastor.

Closing

Dick closed the meeting with prayer and Dave adjourned our time together. Our next regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting will be Jan. 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The Church Charge Conference will be scheduled during January.