

August 2023

GoodNews

Love God • Welcome All • Serve Everyone



Please Join us for a Meet and Eat at the Mulroy's
Sunday August 20th at 12 pm
6120 111th Ave

Potluck theme Sunday Bunday
Main dish will be provided
(Hawaiian pulled pork, Italian beef, and BBQ beef)

Please bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign up in the
narthex.

We hope everyone can join us in the fun and fellowship at
the Mulroy's.

GRACE NOTE

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

When I was ordained, the Board of Ordained Ministry asked for a scripture that informs our call that was going to be on the screen while each ordinand was introduced. I chose Micah 6:8 and had Micah 6:8 engraved inside the cross ring I bought for my ordination. It's a reminder of who I am obeying and what I am called to do and profess to the people I serve.

The statement a professing member of the United Methodist faith community is asked: "Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness (added from the 1996 General Conference)?" comes from this scripture:

To do justice – advocating for dignity and equal rights for all; welcoming of all children of God regardless of their age, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, education, abilities, work, and more; witnessing the power of God's love with our words, actions

Love kindness – sharing and giving of our time to show God's love by serving in the Soup Kitchen the first Saturday of every month; tutoring children from our partner school Curtis Strange Elementary School; teaching, cooking and serving meals, being present at our Saturday Academy that happens in the Fall and Spring; helping with needed labor taking care of God's house, be it mowing the lawn, cleaning, helping with the rummage sale

Walk humbly with your God – gathering together as a community for worship, sharing what God has blessed us with, be it singing, preaching, leading, playing; giving back to God what is God's in terms of our financial resources; teaching/learning/attending Bible Study/Sunday School/Seasonal Studies offered at church or somewhere else or online

How can each of us participate in making the kin-dom of God, heaven on earth happen here on earth now? That's how I understand the phrase "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" from the Lord's prayer. I challenge each one of us to hear and obey God's call through the words of the prophet Micah. There is always a way to serve God and there's always time to make room for God's transformative love to shine through us.

We can uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Nothing is too small as nothing is too big for God.

How do you understand Micah 6:8 happening in your life?

Pastor Grace

MATCHING GRANT TO HELP FUND WESLEY'S WEBSITE RENOVATION PROJECT

On July 18, Pastor Grace announced in an email that the Finance Committee had approved investing in a new website for the church. However, one hesitancy presented to the Finance Committee was the ROI (Return on Investment) of investing in a new website due to Wesley's "decrease in giving and a change in the church climate."

Nevertheless, Pastor Grace added that "In this day and age, having a website is not really a luxury, but a necessity to be found by people, whether they are here in the area or worldwide. We have people in other parts of the nation and other parts of the world joining us on Sundays and who also learn about Christ through our online presence."

As early as July 2017, even before Tom officially started as the keyboardist on August 1st that year, I emailed Pastor Grace stating, "As time goes on, perhaps I can help with the website as well. Among other things, I'd suggest the addition of more color and graphics." I did so because I had just been the webmaster of Bradford Community Church where I led the group that designed their website.

I knew the value of Bradford's website because of the many new visitors who came to that church as a result. After discovering all that Wesley had going for it, I truly believed that you were keeping your light under a bushel, as it were, (as referenced in the verses from Matthew 5 in the banner above) by not utilizing your website to its fullest potential in today's technologically connected world.

Pastor Grace's recent email further explained, "We have some funds available but not enough to pay for the whole overhaul. I have found a local web designer who is connected with technical people who will get the website going. We also have a professional photographer working with us and our house photographer (Joy Delwiche) to populate the site. The contract is for \$5,600.00 and other expenses that may be incurred creating the website."

To encourage Wesley members and friends to "let your light shine before others," I am proposing a matching challenge grant as Wesley accepts donations for the website renovation project. I will match, dollar for dollar, up to \$5000 for your contributions that are designated for the website overhaul by December 31, 2023 (with a possible grand total of \$10,000).

Please search your heart and consider contributing this year via cash, check, or (if you're 70½ years old or better) a Qualified Charitable Distribution, to the website renovation fund. Do your part to help others in the Kenosha community—and worldwide—to discover all that Wesley UMC has to offer.

~ Bill Peche



Prayer Requests

Betty Raddatz
Joe Briscoe
Tom Brehm
Marna Frank
Ellen Shuemate

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Arnold Parise dropped off 94 pounds of food this month to the food pantry. We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning. As always, thank you for your generosity!



If anyone would love to bring the treat for any Sunday (except the first Sunday) in August, please call or email the office. Joy Buttke and Crystal Tuchalski have generously offered to always bring the snack the first Sunday of each month!

With all the vacations and summer homes up north, we have come up a bit short on the treat department. It's so much more fun to stay and chat when you're having a sweet treat.



Joy Buttke

and

Crystal Tuchalski



SATURDAY ACADEMY

Saturday Academy will be held the 4 Saturdays in October the 7,14,21 & 28 we will be making mats for the homeless with plarn (plastic yarn). We held a plarn making demonstration on July 23 after service, if you were unable to attend and would be willing to help make plarn for Saturday Academy to make these mats please let Kathy know and she can make sure to show you how to help. Also please keep saving those plastic Walmart, Target, Woodman's, Festival, etc. bags to help make the plarn.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CURTIS STRANGE

We are collecting school supplies for Curtis Strange Elementary School and will collect them until September 3. The supplies most needed are:

Crayons, Markers, Spiral Notebooks, and Pencil Pouches.

Also:

Playdough, Kleenex, Folders, and Clorox Wipes.

They are **Not** in need of loose-leaf paper.

You may drop off your items on Sunday morning or Monday-Friday 8:00-noon during office hours.

Please remember your donations are greatly appreciated.



Wesley Yarners

Wesley Yarners will be meeting on
August 3 at 10:00 am
and
August 10 at 10:00 am



AUGUST

- 2 Colton White
- 5 Estellia Barrientos
- 7 Evette Wint
- 20 Gorman Dugan He’s 10 today!
Double digits!
- 22 Bob Dorsey
- 31 Russ Maxwell
Mary Borckardt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Lana Frank-Krause
- 3 Heather Briscoe
- 3 Tom Shaughnessy
- 5 Leila Valentine
- 7 Ashley Daniel
- 12 Sandy Clausen
- 12 Crystal Tuchalski
- 19 Luanne Lindow
- 27 Janice Mowry
- 29 Cyndi Wolf



August

Counter Schedule

- 6 Jean Thompson, Lana Frank-Krause
- 13 Jen Rose, Tom Shaughnessy
- 20 Patti Sloca, Arnold Parise
- 27 Kris Trumbo, Bob Dorsey

The next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, August 6 after the Service.



The next Outreach Meeting will be
Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm





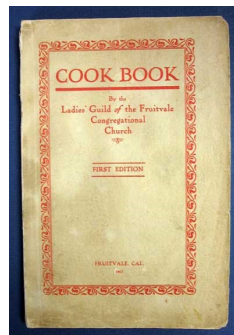
United Women in Faith

Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Mission u 2023, both in-person and online, was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. There were about 45 participants for the online sessions and 50 participants in-person. This year's study was based on *Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation* by Riva Tabelisma. Each line of the Lord's Prayer was studied in depth through reading, discussion, journaling, and prayer to explore how we can live out God's kin-dom in our lives. The study will continue next year at Mission u 2024...hope to see you all there!

Meetings for both Circles begin again in September!

Plan now to make the United Women in Faith a group you want to be part of!



The finance committee has discussed the possibility of printing a cookbook with recipes from Wesley members and friends. This would be a fundraiser for our church and ideally we would like to have it ready in November. This way it can be purchased for a Christmas gift and we can sell it at our annual Cookie Walk. We are in the preliminary stages of this task. Please think about your tastiest recipes.

As things progress we will keep you notified.

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*The People of the United Methodist
Church*

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00

Livestream 9:00 also available anytime

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