

OCTOBER
2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WAUSAU

THE MESSENGER

From Pastor Jayneann's pen

Volunteer

: a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service:

Servant

: one who serves others

Some of you will have noticed that I seldom use the word *volunteer* at church. But I don't know that I've taken the time to explain why I talk around the word.

I grew up hearing people talk about volunteering for one thing or another at church. As I got older I did some of it myself. But more recently (maybe at seminary) someone shared the idea that I'll try to share with you.

Jesus does not call us to volunteer. Nowhere in the bible will you find the word as a verb or a noun. Does that surprise you?

Throughout Jesus' time in ministry as well as in Hebrew Bible writings (Old Testament) and the early Christianity parts of the New Testament, we read a call to compassion and justice. Over and over again we read that we are to care for the widows and orphans, the poor, the immigrant – our neighbors, all of them. Yes, we're called to do good...

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives. Titus 3:14

Let's not get tired of doing good...
Galatians 6:9

We're called to help...

In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

We're called to work with God and with others...



We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9

But we are not called to volunteer. We're called to serve.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

By now, you're asking, "What's the difference?!" A volunteer has a choice as to whether they'll help out with whatever needs to be done. Someone asks for volunteers and people raise their hands and/or show up. I volunteer at Monk Gardens. I choose to go there to work because I know it'll be good for me and for the gardens I tend., and because I believe in what they're doing there.

I don't volunteer when I sing in choir. I serve because I am a Christ-follower and that's what we do. I serve on the Conference Board of Church & Society too. I do it because I believe in their work and it matches my particular skill set.

We're each called to serve in whatever ways we can and in whatever situation there's a need – sometimes we like what we do (That's a bonus!) – but we're called to serve no matter what. That's the difference.

Are you serving? If yes, thank you, thank you, thank you. If no, what are you waiting for?

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jayneann".

Second Graders receiving Bibles



Signs of Prayer

During worship on September 9th, everyone was given 5 sticky notes and invited to pray silently as they walked around the church. The sticky notes were placed wherever a person stopped in prayer. People went upstairs and down and even outside!

The nursery may have gotten the most coverage, but Martie's office and the Handbell room were a close second.



Milestones

Deaths: We grieve this month with the loss of these members of our church or of our families.

Grace Wylie, a long time member of our congregation, died Wednesday, September 19. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time, as well as our own congregation.



Savvy Seniors will meet on Monday, October 1st at 11:30am at the Palms Supper Club, 5912 Business 51 S, Schofield



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ellie Schreiber | 12 Cheryl Wenzel | 22 Michael Miller |
| 3 Margaret Getzin | Allan Lancaster | 24 Emily Ness |
| 4 Madison Mariani | Laura Cowan | 25 Pam Steinke |
| Chuck Schoenfeld | 13 Maddy Riehle | Maggie Werhane |
| Anne Getzin | 14 Erika Ness | Andrea Anderson * |
| 6 Betsy Ness | 15 Jeremy Zuleger | 29 Gus Anderson |
| Oliver Fandrey | Ross Miller | Gary Boushley |
| 7 Gary Getzin | 16 Tammy Lahren | 30 Michael Koss |
| 8 Roger Gundelfinger | Kirsten Hornby | Diane Misoni |
| Lisa Day | 18 Bob Wylie | Gregory Cowan |
| 9 Jake Rybarczyk | 19 Gary Kurth * | 31 Scott Erickson |
| 11 Todd Larson | | Cheryl Beltz |

* Signifies a member who for health reasons cannot be at church regularly. We invite you this month to remember these members in your prayers.

We believe in the power of prayer. By we, I mean all of us who are part of First United Methodist Church - members, friends, constituents...

On September 9th, we stepped into a new dimension of prayer to help us tune in to God's amazing work. Every morning and every night we pray at 9:03 (or when it works for us) for God to do God's great thing in the life of First Church. If you're just hearing about this, or if you haven't started, that's okay. Start where you are. Begin now.

God has ways for us to be in ministry that we haven't even thought of yet. And God is ready to get started with us. Join your friends at First Church with this Breakthrough Prayer:

God of power, God of grace, guide us to connect our soul purpose with you and your will. Break through in the life of First Church with fresh possibilities to work your will in our church, our communities and our lives. Amen.

Due to scheduling challenges ahead, November, December and January Messenger newsletter deadlines are on the 10th of the month preceding.





Circle Meetings

- October 3
Sunshine Gals at 9:30 am
- October 10
Mary/Faith UMW Circle at 9:30 am
- October 11
Love/Hope UMW Circle at 5:30 pm
- October 19/20
Conference Annual Gathering in Waukesha
- October 21
UMW Sunday

United Methodist Women is an organization of approximately 800,000 members world-wide. Our history goes back to the 1800's when women in local churches organized as missionary societies to support the mission work of the Methodist Church. Some of the early work was responsible for the development of schools, and health clinics in China and India. In the United States this "early work" assisted women who had moved into cities. They came looking for employment. But often they needed safe and affordable housing. Being a supportive community was part of this mission. These early mission societies were involved in ending slavery; ending the production and use of alcohol; and securing the right of women to vote and own property.

Today we continue to work in mission for the benefit of women, children and youth. The Unit at First United Methodist Church pledges (and pays) \$6,000 annually to the Wisconsin Conference and National budgets to support projects nationally and internationally. This is in addition to our own local, district and conference projects. Some of us participate on mission teams contributing our labor and resources for specific projects. Some of us participate in spiritual grown retreats and social action days. Some of us attend Mis-

sion U to broaden our understanding of topics related to our faith journey, environment and a variety of social justice issues. There are Jurisdiction and National events such as the quadrennial assembly. The assembly is an opportunity to connect with our sisters worldwide. We worship together and explore topics relating to the welfare of women, children and youth.

Who can be a United Methodist Women? Anyone who wishes to be a part of a community whose purpose is to know God; to be in a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 419 meets very Thursday at 7:00pm in the FUMC game room.



Boy Scouts is a year-round program for boys 11–17 designed to build character, citizenship, and personal fitness through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing. Boy Scouts explore their interests and improve skills while working toward Scouting's highest rank: Eagle.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law: to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining,, please invite to a meeting or have them call Scoutmaster Betsy Duginski at 715-297-7255.

Mission Offering

October Mission offering goes to support the Community Meals ministry that our church is a part of. Every 5th Sunday, we will take the lead in providing a meal for anyone in the community who is hungry. Our next Sunday will be October 28. To designate money for this ministry, either write "Community Meals" on a check memo line or use the small brown envelopes in the pew rack.

And, remember, any coin you put – loose – into the offering plate goes directly to the monthly mission without any extra effort on your part!

Random Thoughts by Mike Zahn

October 2018

Truly Random Thoughts

- ◇ On a day when the funerals for Senator John McCain and the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin were taking place, we attended a funeral for Joe Gyskiewicz. Joe was not a towering personality like the other two, but he was loved by his family and friends. He was just as much a child of God as them. And now, they are equals in the eternal kingdom of God.
- ◇ Make sure to keep track of answered prayers and ways you see God in action in your world. Then bring them to write down on one of the boards at church so we can all share in one another's celebrations.
- ◇ Remember to say our "Breakthrough Prayer" daily. If you are having trouble finding meaning in prayer or feeling the presence of God, let someone know. We are all in this life together and need to share one another's hurts and burdens.
- ◇ The entrance hallway by the B.K. Smith room has been recarpeted and repainted. More finishing touches to come. Thank you Aesthetics Ministry Team—it looks great!
- ◇ Speaking of Ministry Teams. . . I never served on any kind of church committee or team (besides choir) until I was about 50. It is never too late to get started—please prayerfully consider how you can serve in Ministry at First Church—there are many opportunities.

Dear Pastor Jayneann McIntosh & FUMC Team:

On behalf of the Housing & Homelessness Coalition a big THANK YOU goes out to the First United Methodist Church for your continued support and participation in the July 2018 Point in Time Count. During the overnight Count and with the Project Connect resource fair, a total of 24 individuals were identified as being homeless, sleeping in places not meant for human habitation during the overnight hours of July 25th-26th.

The Housing and Homelessness Coalition appreciates your partnership in working with us to meet our vision and mission of eradicating homelessness and creating & sustaining affordable housing solutions in Marathon County. Thank you again for supporting our efforts and serving as the headquarters for the Point in Time Count

Diane Sennholz, Pam Anerson, MaiGer Moua

- ◇ We are all called to develop and use our gifts, whether that leads one to be an artist and musician; a soldier and statesman; or a son, daughter, father, mother grandpa or grandma. God is calling each of us—what is your calling right now?

OCTOBER IS EMOTIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

Being emotionally well is than just handling stress. It involves being attentive to your thoughts, feelings and behaviors, both positive or negative. *Emotional Wellness* implies the ability to be aware of and accept our feelings, rather than deny them, have an optimistic approach to life and enjoy life despite its occasional disappointments and frustrations. Evaluate your own emotional wellness with this brief quiz.

- ⇒ Am I able to maintain a balance of work, family, friends, and other obligations?
- ⇒ Do I have ways to reduce stress in my life?
- ⇒ Am I able to make decisions with a minimum of stress and worry?
- ⇒ Am I able to set priorities?

If you answer "No" to any questions, this may be an area where you can work on your emotional wellness.

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00am Morning Chapel
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am Fellowship Time, Parlor
1:00pm Grapevine Faith Alliance Worship

MONDAY

6:00pm Yoga, Rm 19, Lower Level

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Chinese Bible Study
6:30pm Jubilate Bells
7:15pm Chancel Choir, Chapel
5:00pm Adult Study, B.K. Smith
Children's Music, Room 215
6:00pm Wednesday Night Live meal,
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

8:30am AA, B. K. Smith Room

FRIDAY

Office Closed

SATURDAY

Office Closed

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Church Library Month
Emotional Wellness Month
Global Diversity Awareness Month
National Fair Trade Month

October 1, Monday

11:30 AM Savvy Seniors, Palms Supper Club

October 2, Tuesday

6:00PM Theology on Tap, Thrive Eatery

October 3, Wednesday

9:30 AM Sunshine Gals

October 8, Monday

8:00 AM Life Line Screening, Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Missions Guatemala Pre-Trip, Parlor

October 9, Tuesday

1:00 PM Personal Needs Closet

5:30 PM Board of Trustees, B.K. Smith

7:00 PM Finance Committee, Rm 101

October 10, Wednesday

9:30 AM UMW Mary Faith Circle, Parlor

October 11, Thursday

5:30 PM Love/Hope Circle, Parlor

6:30 PM MCCI Implementation Team, B.K. Smith

October 18, Thursday

10:30 PM Downtown Memory Café

6:00 PM Missions Team, Parlor

October 19 - 20, Friday & Saturday

UMW Conference, Waukesha

October 23, Tuesday

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Welcome & Communications, Parlor

October 27, Saturday

9:00 AM The Personal Needs Closet

October 28, Sunday

6:00 PM UMW Sunday Evening Circle, Parlor

October 29, Monday

6:00 PM Lay Leadership Committee, Rm 101

October 30, Tuesday

5:30 PM Worship Design, Parlor



Opportunities

*Here at First United Methodist Church, a person has all sorts of ways to serve –
inside the building and in the wider communities,
with indoor quiet work, with tasks that involve sweat equity.
There are ways for each person to contribute to building God's realm on earth.
Below are just a few of the ways.*

The Worship Design Ministry Team

prayerfully assists the pastor and music director with some of the planning of the worship services for the congregation. We give feedback on what things worked (or didn't work so well) and where the worship experience could be improved.

We realize that worship is experienced in many ways, depending on the personal backgrounds of the church-goers and, most importantly, that the worship service is for sharing the Good News!

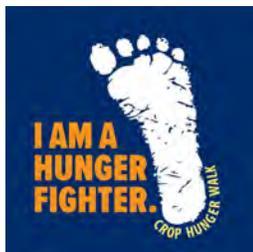
And so we offer suggestions and lead activities for special worship like Messy Church or Church in the courtyard or inter-generational activities. We plan and prepare some of the visual effects that you may have noticed during Advent or Lent and have coordinated skits or dramas in the past.

At our meetings, the team prays, listens, shares thoughts and ideas and then waits for the Holy Spirit to nudge us with an answer. The Spirit must have a sense of humor because out of our laughter and prayers there often comes a creative, innovative idea to use in worship that may bring others closer to God.

Crop Walk 2018

Did you know that malnutrition is an underlying cause of death for 3.5 million children each year? That's about one-third of all child deaths in the world.

Factors contributing to this malnutrition are many; drought and disaster that decimate crops, lack of clean water, poor sanitation and hygiene, rising food prices, to name a few. When we walk in CROP Hunger Walk or donate funds, we're providing micronutrients that support better health and development. We're helping communities gain access to safe water and are giving families the tools and training to grow or buy nutritious food. We help families here in



...the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.

Mark 10:45

Marathon County and around the world. Contact Margaret Getzin to sign up to walk. Visit cropwalk.org for more information.

Office Caretakers. Can you sit in a chair? Are you able to talk on the phone? Then pray about joining the church staff for a couple of hours each week or month in the church office.

Our administrative assistance works from 8:30 to 1:30. After that we count on servants from the church to be present to answer phone calls and direct inquiries. This could be the ministry God is calling you to join!

Sanctuary or Chapel Steward. Are you someone who likes to have everything in order? Do you care about Sunday morning worship and look forward to it each week? Do you perhaps feel a tug on your heart to make sure that our worship space is at its best for the Big Day? Then you may be called to serve as a Worship Space Steward.

Have you thought of helping as a volunteer at your local school? Or at the Women's Community? Or at The Open Door? Or at any other of the many agencies in our communities? Maybe you have an idea of your own... God calls us to a variety of ministries. Some of them are with or through the church. Many are not. Pray about where God would lead you. Then step out. It can be intimidating at first, but the satisfaction is priceless.

Faith Formation

FAITH QUEST

Daniel

October 14 - November 11

Grades 2 - 5
Room 212

“My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2

MUSIC TIME

For 3 year olds through 1st graders

Sunday mornings from 8:55 to 9:10

Room 215

Led by Mike Zahn

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

For 4 year olds through 5th graders

Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 5:55

Room 215

We are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit through music this year.

Wednesday Evening Adult Study

Wednesdays, 5 pm

B.K. Smith Room

On September 26th, we began our latest study, *Christianity and World Religions*. This video-based study

**Christianity
AND
World Religions**
Wrestling with Questions People Ask



explores the four major other world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares beliefs of each with those of Christianity. This is a 6-week study. You could ask Janke's to order a copy of the book for you or get one online. (You are welcome to join us even if you cannot make time to read a book this fall.)

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, October 2, 6 pm

Thrive Eatery

Do you like having philosophical/theological conversations outside the church building?

Theology on Tap is a chance for people who'd like to get together to share conversation about the day's topic, while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy some food or drink, or not as you choose.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the chapel at 7:15. If you like to sing, then come and join us as we prepare music for the 10:00 service on Sunday mornings.

Resources for Ministry

A Financial Narrative for October 2018

The Budget Process

This is the time of the year when we need to start looking toward the finances of 2019. So what is our process?

There are two things we need to figure out: How much income we can expect and, based on that, how much money we can afford to spend.

How do we determine our income? The most important portion of our church's income comes from you, our members and constituents. We'll be holding our stewardship campaign this fall to provide you an opportunity to decide how much you are able to share with the church. The more generous you are able to be, the more we will be able to put into our programs and ministries. We do take in a small, but relatively stable, amount from our building users, and increasing this would help cover our building maintenance expenses better. You will also soon be learning about an additional income source we are planning to implement this fall called SCRIP. It is essentially an opportunity for you to buy gift cards for businesses you already patronize, with the church receiving a portion of

the profit from the businesses. It probably will be only a small part of our income for this year, but it has the potential to be a helpful addition to our budget.

As of this writing, the various committees and program areas are submitting their spending proposals for the upcoming year. The finance committee will then need to look critically at these and set the church's overall budget.

The last several years have been pretty stable financially. With income close to that expected (with some support from the endowment, which I'll write about later) and everyone carefully watching their expenses, we've been able to meet our budget. With your prayerful support, we hope to do even better in the future.

Our Ministries

Last month, I talked about how our ministries at First Church depend upon many people. I talked about the **Lay Leadership Committee** whose members work to discern people's gifts and graces, trying to envision ways in which different people might serve. True, we also need to fill certain required committees with committed people (as opposed to warm bodies) yet our goal is for those who serve to be able to grow spiritually and to feel good about the work that they do.

This month I talk about the **Board of Trustees**. Yes, it's a board rather than a committee. Similarly, the leader is officially the Board president although we usually just say chair.

Effective trustees function as stewards of property God has entrusted to the church, supervising and maintaining both the physical property and gifts made so that the church's ministries can be effective.

This team and its members need to engage in spiritual practices that build attentiveness to God's will and direction and to hold one another accountable to the mission and vision of the church.

Trustees annually review the church's insurance cov-

erage including personnel insurance. They conduct annual accessibility audits of the building and grounds to discover and then work toward eliminating barriers that impede full participation of all people. The team also submits budget requests to the finance committee for property maintenance and improvement and new property purchases. Through the efforts of the Trustees we are all able to do ministry trusting that our building and grounds are in good hands.

Pastor Jayneann

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October 28

Wear-a-Costume-to-Church Sunday

No, we won't be trick-or-treating, but why not have some fun in our worship. (No nasty, scary costumes please.)

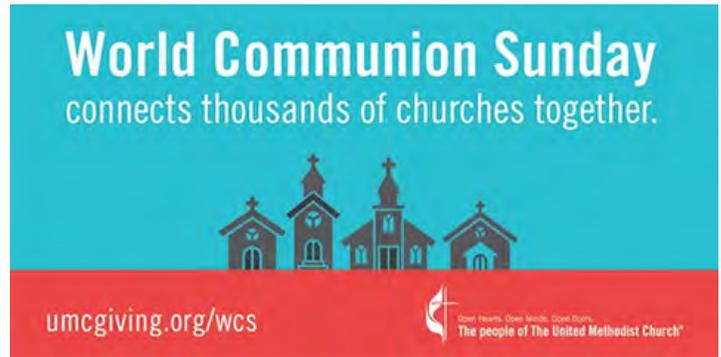
November 4

All Saints Sunday

We remember our loved ones who have departed in death in the last year.

Zion Lutheran Church will present an *Organ Duet Concert*, featuring Kiyo and Chiemi Watanabe on Sunday, October 7th, at 3:00pm. A free-will donation will be received & a reception follows the concert. For more information call: 715-848-7286 or visit their website at zionlutheranwausau.com.

While we have no Messy Church dates on the calendar yet, keep watching here for the announcement.



World Communion Sunday is one of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be observed with the taking of an offering throughout the denomination. World Communion Sunday is observed the first Sunday in October. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

This year World Communion Sunday is on October 7th

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Sunday Worship Times

8:00 a.m. Morning Chapel 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*With Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month.
As United Methodists, we practice Open Communion.
All who are seeking God are welcome at Christ's table.*

Sunday, October 7

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: ... And God loves us just as we are
Text: Psalm 139

Sunday, October 21

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Mary
Texts: Luke 1:26-29, 39-56

Sunday, October 14

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The Power of Prayer
Texts: 1 Kings 18:1-39

Sunday, October 28

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Gleanings from the
Living Stones Pilgrimage
Texts: *to be determined*