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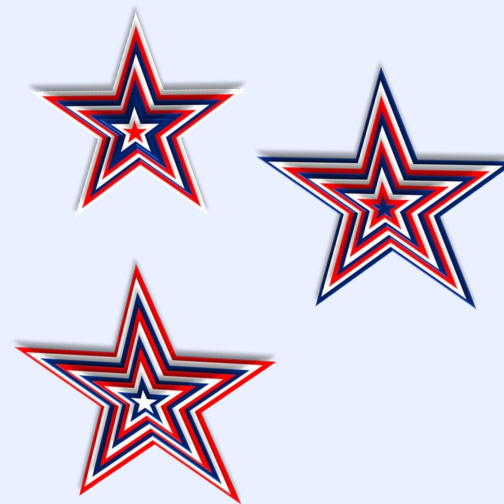
## Community Events

**Ruby's**  
**PANTRY**

Thursday, July 18

4:00—5:30 pm

Mondovi County Shop



# OUTREACH



JULY 2024

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## Pastor's Corner

I drove to several states and cities in the Bible Belt this vacation. It was a 4,200-mile road trip. At first, I thought about visiting my cousins in California and friends out west. However, a few days before we left, my wife and I discussed how we might spend our vacation to recharge and rest spiritually, as well as physically. In prayer, she remembered a book we had read many years ago that had inspired us to pray, *The 24-7 Prayer Manual* by Pete Greig and David Blackwell. This book tells the story of a prayer movement that Pete Greig and young people started in the UK and has influenced Europe and the rest of the world.

We were inspired to visit 24-7 prayer houses and fellowship with people who pray there. We did a Google search to find 24/7 prayer houses around the country, and our first visit was to a very sophisticated and cool prayer house in Indiana called Prayer Works (<https://prayerworksfw.com/>), where we fellowshiped and prayed with one of the staff. Since then, we have visited prayer houses and churches in 13 states and many cities, including South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri, and Minnesota. We had opportunities to fellowship and pray with the people we met. This was a special gift and blessing God gave us.



In a prayer room in North Carolina, we found the book that led us to this trip, *The 24-7 Prayer Manual*, on the table, which gave us a sense that God was leading this trip. A pastor we met in Mississippi told us that through the 24-7 prayer movement, he is praying for "sleeping giants" to awaken to revive America for a mission of reaching the unreached people in the world with the gospel.

We visited the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, North Carolina, where we were deeply moved by a video of him sharing the heart of the gospel in a very simple way. We also visited Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park in Atlanta, Georgia. We toured Ebenezer Church, where Martin Luther King, Jr. pastored, and his birthplace and memorial. He was a non-violent civil rights activist who gave the "I Have a Dream" speech. It was sobering to think of the impact he had on American society through the video of his speech, writings, photographs, and sculptures on display.



I was reminded on this trip that despite the declining strength of the church in the United States and the seeming spiritual slumber, there are still churches that preach the pure core of the gospel and "seven thousand" (1 Kings 19:18) who never cease to pray. I affirmed anew that the Word of God and prayer are powerful channels through which we encounter God intimately and are supplied with His grace. I pray that God's churches in the United States and around the world will be lifted out of spiritual stagnation by God's Word and prayer and will see incredible restoration and revival.

*"For it is made holy by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:5*

Love and blessings in Christ,  
Rev. Hyuntae Kim, Ph.D.

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### Happy Birthday!

- 7/5 Nicholas Fichtenbauer
- 7/5 John Kramschuster
- 7/7 Traci Bauer
- 7/9 Paisley Saxe
- 7/12 Judy Winsand
- 7/13 Ray Johnston
- 7/16 Memphis Bishopp
- 7/20 Donald Ede
- 7/20 Kim Fillmore
- 7/20 Finn Sandberg
- 7/23 Linda Davis
- 7/24 Katie Komro
- 7/24 Kim Snyder
- 7/25 Lisa Saxe
- 7/27 Kayla Klevgard
- 7/29 Kyle Bishopp
- 7/29 Christine Kramschuster
- 7/30 Jay Branger



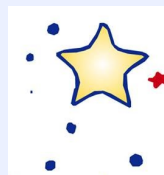


## United Women in Faith

July 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm

### Happy Anniversary!

- 7/13 Jim & Gloria Williams
- 7/28 Brandon & Lara Ramthun



### Keep in Prayer...

Members who are in long-term care facilities.


Military veterans.

All firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel.

Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.



**Blueberry Cream Pie** Mavis Cook

1 c. sour cream		1 unbaked pie shell
3/4 c. sugar		2 T. flour
1/4 tsp. salt		1 tsp. vanilla
1 pt. (2-1/2 c.) fresh blueberries		1 egg, beaten

TOPPING:

3 T. flour		1-1/2 T. butter
3 T. chopped pecan		

WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING:

1/2 c. whipped cream		1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/8 c. powdered sugar		

Combine sour cream, flour, sugar, vanilla, salt and egg. Beat until smooth with mixer. Fold in blueberries. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

**Topping:** Combine ingredients and sprinkle on top. Bake 10 minutes more. Chill before serving. Top with whipped cream topping, beaten until stiff.

**Note:** If you use frozen blueberries, allow to sit out 30 minutes to thaw and remove moisture with a paper towel.

planning: Many in the group took on planning and ordering cake, etc, for the potluck.

Rita contacted Terry Plank and they will do their own recognition of their graduate.

Broken piano: Any new information? Katie was going to look into this. She was not present so this will be discussed at another time.

Standing for Scripture: Discussed and decided that we will stand for the Scripture readings.

Communion:

Discussion on slowing the pace of communion so that individuals have time to receive the bread and cup in a more reverent/prayerful manner.

Added "Gluten Free Bread Available (OS)" to bulletin and announcements.

Discussed doing verbiage for open communion. Added invitation – **"Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another." From page 7 in Hymnal.**

Confirm next meeting: June 4, 2024, at 6:15.

#### F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston)

Dora reported they are working on ideas to get more children and volunteers for F3.

They are working on coverage for the fair booth. They have a set up/take down crew.

Julie is in charge of ordering gifts to give away.

F3 will restart the third week of September.

#### Old Business

Dora is working on the fair booth.

We will not be having a float in the Mondovi parade.

#### New Business

Debbie Duncanson inquired about presenting scholarships to graduates. Discussion ensued. Debbie will contact the 2 applicants with information and instructions to contact the church office for the application, which is due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships will be \$250.00.

Julie Brunsch inquired about the confirmation youth attending camp. There is no further information regarding this.

Briefly discussed the Safe Sanctuary Policy. Do we need a signed form for use of images on website?

Dora Johnston reported that she and Pastor were scammed by a phone call requesting gift cards. Dora requested that personal phone numbers be removed from the website and church bulletin and only publish the church office number. Julie Brunsch will contact NTEC regarding call forwarding.

#### Lay Member to Annual Conference (Ann Yelle)

Ann gave a presentation on General Conference as follows:

General Conference for the UMC was held in Charlotte, NC, from April 23 to May 3, 2024.

At the 2024 Session, one of the sources of heated, painful dispute at General Conference since 1984 was removed without debate. This was the removal of the denomination's ban on ordaining self-avowed, practicing homosexuals.

A bit of history on the UMC's previous stance on homosexuality. In 1972, delegates to the General Conference were considering a fresh set of Social Principles for the newly formed UMC, a combination of the Methodist Church and the EUB Church. At that time, homosexual wording was put in the Book of Discipline. Before that, the Book of Discipline said nothing one way or another about homosexuality.

Since 1972, the denomination's stance on homosexuality became a recurring subject of debate and protest at each General Conference Session. The legislative body increased restrictions, changing what was initially a statement of social witness into a matter of church law. Thus, in 2019, the Disaffiliation Plan passed in the UMC.

Also, a petition passed that overturned rules prohibiting clergy from officiating same-sex weddings or churches from hosting them. Votes passed indicating that superintendents are not to penalize clergy for holding or from refraining from holding same-sex weddings. Further, nothing that was passed at General Conference would compel churches to receive a gay pastor.

As a result of General Conference actions, the previous Disaffiliation Policy of 2019 was voted to end. Also, by vote, it was approved that churches that had disaffiliated and now wished to rejoin the UMC would be welcomed back per policies developed by Annual Conference for rejoining.

Wording regarding homosexuality being incompatible with Christian teaching is eliminated.

Also at General Conference, the number of

bishops per jurisdiction was guaranteed to be at least five. Wisconsin will now be with the Northern Illinois Jurisdiction and will share a bishop with them.

Additionally, regionalism, where church regions throughout the world have equal standing in decision making, was adopted. Now, Annual Conference will vote on regionalism.

Dave Boley presented the following to Council members.

Given the momentous changes passed in the 2024 UMC General Conference related to marriage wherein the General Conference states marriage brings together "adult man and woman of consenting age or two adult persons of consenting age into union" and....

Given that this language is in clear conflict with the very plain description of marriage from our God in the Old and New Testament as being between one man and one woman and ...

Given that this conflict will lead to confusion among current and future members of our Savior's UMC, Our Saviors should affirm publicly that marriage is between one man and one woman as made clear in the Old and New Testament.

Forthright discussion ensued. Several members indicated general opposition or concern over the language and several members indicated general support.

Motion to adjourn made by Kolleen Branger, seconded by Julie Brunsch. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer.

<b>Account Balances 5/31/2024</b>	
Checking	\$873.69
Elevator Repair	\$524.00
Local Disaster	\$390.00
New Ministries	\$2,019.80
Christmas Walk	\$11,917.00
Scholarships/Youth Awards	\$260.00
Sunday School	\$415.00
<b>Total Account Balances</b>	<b>\$16,399.49</b>

# Highlights from the Council Meeting—May 16, 2024

Council members present: Pastor Kim, Dave Boley, Lori Boley, Debbie Duncanson, Ann Yelle, Kolleen Branger, Jay Branger, Julie Brunsch, Jim Williams, Jan Bechel, Dora and Randy Johnston.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley.

Breakthrough prayer read in unison by Council members.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

### Secretary's Report

Motion to accept May 2024 Secretary's Report made by Kolleen Branger and seconded by Julie Brunsch. Motion carried.

### Finance Committee (Jay Branger, Chair)

Jay had no new information to report.

### Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$19,935.01; deposits of \$11,503.54; interest of \$12.54; expenditures of \$9614.87; uncleared transactions of \$3118.86 with an ending balance as of April 30, 2024, of \$18,717.36. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$3192.06; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$11,917.00; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$415.00 for balance of \$18,717.86. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1984.04; Youth Fellowship Account \$4175.49.

Julie reported we have received a permit for another year for the elevator. It failed the initial inspection, but has now passed.

The new electric meters have been installed at both the parsonage and the church.

There is now a locking file cabinet in the office. Current checkbook balance is \$3561.98 with bills by end of the month of \$2870.08.

Julie inquired about a request for a donation for the playground equipment at Mirror Lake and Buffalo County Fair donation. Discussion ensued. The fair booth is paid for.

### Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of April 30, 2024, \$19,057.06 with credits of \$236.87 and no debits and minus \$15,000.00 CD with ending balance \$4293.93.

### Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)

Kolleen had no new information to report.

Motion made by Jim Williams and seconded by Randy Johnston to accept the April 2024 Executive Summary, Memorial and Finance Secretary Reports. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

#### **April 19 – May 16:**

Wednesday, April 24, Harmony Choir practice at First UMC.

Wednesday, May 1, Circuit meeting at Durand UMC.

Thursday, May 2, MACA meeting.

Sunday, May 5, 3:00 p.m., First Responder Community Worship Service at Zion Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, May 14, member visit.

Tuesday, May 14, visiting Julie in preparation for Iris's memorial service.

Thursday, May 16, American Lutheran Home services.

#### **Plans:**

Saturday, May 25, 10:00 a.m., Iris's memorial service.

Wednesday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Annual Conference Clergy Session at St. Paul's-The Springs UMC, Stevens Point, WI.

Thursday, June 7 to 10, Wisconsin Annual Conference.

June 11 – 30, Pastor's vacation.

#### **Pastor's absence:**

Sunday, June 9.

Sunday, July 16, Mary Beth Pichler will be preaching.

Sunday, July 23.

Sunday, July 30.

Discussion ensued regarding pulpit coverage in Pastor's absence.

Membership Committee: Debbie Duncanson provided a current membership list. The focus of the Membership Committee is young adults.

### United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair, absent)

Ann Yelle presented the following in Linda's absence.

The UWF met on May 8, 2024.

Old Business: Discussed whether to continue

contributing to the Old Sock Program and decision was made not to.

The Dignity Kits are due on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Ann will take these to Annual Conference.

Discussed Sunshine Awards for 2024 to 2026.

We need to update the serving group/circle booklet.

Julie and Robin Brunsch, Debbie Duncanson and Pastor Kim attended the First Responder Community Worship Service at Zion.

The Fall Gathering is September 28 in Chippewa Falls.

The United Women in Faith are having a salad luncheon on May 14.

The program and information from Spring Day of Enrichment was about the earth.

### SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported he will be having a meeting in June.

Thanked Dave and Ann for their work on the Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Kolleen reported she presented flowers and a card to Kathy for Office Assistant Week, and Kathy was very appreciative.

### Worship Committee (Lori Boley, Chair)

Worship Committee met on May 1, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.

Attendees: Julie Brunsch, Linda Johnston, Mary Beth Pichler, Linda Sandberg, Rita McDonnell, Pastor Kim and Lori Boley.

Mother's Day: 5/12/24 – Did Kathy order flowers? Yes, Kathy ordered flowers for "mothers" on Mother's Day.

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday) will be Graduate Recognition:

Graduates are: Olivia Saxe, Emily Van Riper, Dannica Zingsheim and Lily Stamm (Altoona HS).

Gifts/Cards: Are being handled by Julie Brunsch and Debbie Duncanson.

Pictures for PPT/recognition: I have asked Kathy if we have contact information for them so I can get pictures.


Parents are sending pictures for the PPT. Letters/Invites will be sent to the graduates and families.

Potluck is in announcements -

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**  
 JULY 28 AT 10 AM  
 COMBINED WORSHIP AT  
 RAINBOW LAKE PARK IN GILMANTON  
 POTLUCK  
 BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR  
 QUESTIONS? CONTACT BECKY DAVIS OR CHURCH OFFICE



**Buffalo County Fair Booth**



We are looking for volunteers to help at our UMC fair booth in two-hour increments **August 3-6.** You can call or email the church office to sign up.



Did you know that you can scan our QR code to get to the Vanco site for online giving?



## The Pickle Project

The Pickle Project will continue this summer as one of our major fundraising events. Jay and I are looking and hoping for the second week of August, so put it on your calendars! As in the past, we will need a great crew to see this to completion. I just wanted to let you all know that it is a go again for this year. If you know of someone who might like to participate and has not in the past, give them a friendly nudge in our direction!

-Christine Kramschuster

**Our Savior's Christmas Bazaar!**  
 Mark your calendars!  
 November 2  
 Be thinking of ideas!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## MOMENTS HOSPICE

Moments Hospice Volunteer Program is the Heart of Hospice. If you are interested in making a difference in someone's life during a time of need, this is the position for you!

Moments Hospice provides care to patients and their families in their own homes or senior living communities. There are a wide variety of volunteer positions available, including patient visitor, administrative and virtual volunteering, bereavement volunteers, pet therapy volunteers, death doula volunteers, and more. In addition, they are looking for volunteers to engage, honor, and support our Veterans.

No experience or training is required. All training is provided in exchange for your volunteer time with hospice patients. Join their team of volunteers! Contact info:

1-877-MOMENTS

[info@momentshospice.com](mailto:info@momentshospice.com)

[Chad.Dobson@momentshospice.com](mailto:Chad.Dobson@momentshospice.com)

## BUFFALO COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITON PROGRAM

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals to homes. Flexible scheduling is available. You can deliver as little or as much as you like.

Use your own vehicle and be reimbursed a mileage rate of \$0.67 per mile.

If you are interested in learning more about delivering home-delivered meals, please call Matthew Bertelson, Nutrition Program Coordinator, at 715-672-8941, ext. 163.



## BUFFALO & PEPIN COUNTIES TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

### Volunteer Driver Opportunity


Buffalo & Pepin Counties Transportation Program provides non-emergency transportation for those who do not have access to transportation. This is a unique, personal, and flexible volunteer opportunity that works around YOUR schedule. Volunteer drivers receive a mileage reimbursement of \$0.67 per mile when using your own vehicle.

Apply online at: <https://www.adrc-bcp.com/volunteer>

If you have questions, contact Angie Schlosser at 715-672-8941, ext. 187 or email [aschlosser@co.pepin.wi.us](mailto:aschlosser@co.pepin.wi.us)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 Holy Communion 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	8 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	9	10 12:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting 2:00 pm UWF	11	12	13
14 No Gilmanton Worship (Fair) 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	15	16	17 6:00 pm Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	22	23	24	25 Newsletter deadline	26	27
28 10:00 am Joint Worship at Rain- bow Lake park in Gilmanton; potluck; bring your lawn chair!	29	30	31			

 Refreshments will be served after church at Our Savior's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Worship Service Helpers			
	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
July 7	Jan Bechel & Mary Beth Pichler	Mike Bruning	Linda Johnston & Lorraine Diener
July 14	Bill & Karen Lier	Rita McDonnell	Jay Branger & David Saxe
July 21	Randy & Dora Johnston	Mary Beth Pichler	Katie Sandberg & Bill Lier
July 28	Ann Yelle & Rita McDonnell	Katie Sandberg	Jan Bechel & Mary Beth Pichler
Camera Operators: Lori Boley & Saul Ness			