

*Our Savior's and Gilmanton
United Methodist Churches*

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Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi Sharing Table



Wednesday, October 9
4:30—6:00 pm
Zion Lutheran Church

Ruby's PANTRY

Thursday, October 17
4:00—5:30 pm
Mondovi County Shop

OUTREACH

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OCTOBER 2024

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

I greet you with the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, I want to reflect on a powerful teaching from John Wesley that has guided countless Christians on their journey of faith: the concept of the **"means of grace."** Wesley understood these means as the channels through which God's grace flows into our lives, helping us grow in faith, love, and holiness.



The means of grace include practices like **prayer, reading and meditating on Scripture, participating in worship, partaking in the sacraments, and fasting.** These spiritual disciplines are not merely religious rituals, but ways we open ourselves to God's transforming presence. Wesley believed that when we engage in these practices with sincere hearts, we position ourselves to receive the grace that strengthens us to live as faithful disciples.

Wesley was careful to remind us that the means of grace are not the end goal themselves, but tools to draw us nearer to God. Through prayer, we converse with the Lord, bringing our joys, concerns, and needs before Him while listening for His voice. In reading the Scriptures, we encounter God's living Word, guiding and shaping us. The sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion remind us of God's promises and unite us with Christ's body. These are sacred moments where God meets us, renews us, and sends us out into the world as His hands and feet.

Beloved, I encourage each of you to take time this month to engage in the means of grace with intention. In moments of prayer, open your heart to the Lord's presence. As you read Scripture, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal fresh truths to guide your steps. When we gather for worship and partake in the Lord's Supper, come with expectant hearts, knowing that God is present among us, working His will in our lives.

May we never grow weary in pursuing these practices, for through them, God continually shapes us into the people He has called us to be. Let us remain faithful, trusting that His grace is more than enough for every season of our lives.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

With every blessing in Christ,
Rev. Hyuntae Kim, Ph.D.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12

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Happy Birthday!

- 10/1 Katie Reidt
- 10/2 Dennis Bauer
- 10/3 Linda Johnston
- 10/4 Hunter Bishopp
- 10/4 Carey Jo Nelson
- 10/6 Max Marten
- 10/7 Nicholas Lindemoen
- 10/7 Rick Parr
- 10/7 Bob Stoughton
- 10/8 Stephanie Stamm
- 10/10 Dennis Litchfield
- 10/11 Gene Bump
- 10/12 Layne Dziekan
- 10/14 Rita McDonnell
- 10/15 Rich Becker
- 10/15 Sydney Ede
- 10/19 Morgan Fillmore
- 10/19 Whitney Ottum
- 10/19 Morgan Schwartz
- 10/22 Tysen Poeschel
- 10/25 Boe Bishopp
- 10/25 Brook Kent
- 10/27 Sylous Bishopp

Happy Anniversary!

- 10/2 Chad & Paula Thompson
- 10/8 Mark & Carol McDonough
- 10/10 Randy & Dawn Moy
- 10/11 John & Christine Kramschuster
- 10/14 Robin & Juliann Brunsch
- 10/15 John & Tara Unser
- 10/16 Jon & Dawn Bursaw
- 10/25 Jason & Molly Marten
- 10/26 Galen & Orvilla Ede



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.



GILMANTON SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS OCTOBER 6



F3

F3 RESUMES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
 MEAL 5:30-6:00 PM
 PROGRAM 6:00-7:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE, KOLLEEN, OR DORA

DONATIONS NEEDED:
 PAPER PLATES, FORKS & SPOONS, MEDIUM CUPS

(CONFIRMATION STARTS OCTOBER 16)



Pickle-Making 2024

Pickle-making 2024 is behind us, and I am very thankful for the wonderful crew that made this season a success. Without your cooperation and support, this fundraiser would not be possible. It wasn't easy to find cucumbers this year, but we persisted and, in the end, made a total of 316 quarts and 24 pints with a total sale of \$3488. I think this quote by Pope Francis is very fitting: "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." Thank you to all of the helpers listed below.

Blessings, Christine Kramschuster

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| Jay & Kolleen Branger | Randy Johnston | Sibyl Schoenweitz |
| Jan Bechel | John Kramschuster | Sue Sie |
| Gene Bump | Bonnie Lindsay | Sue and Bob Stoughton |
| Larry & Becky Davis | Julie McBee | Terry Stiner |
| Lorraine Diener | Dawn & Randy Moy | Gloria & Jim Williams |
| Debbie Duncanson | Donna & Marvin Moy | |
| Linda Johnston | Linda & Sonny Sandberg | |

had inquired about previously. They will follow up with Jim.

Worship Committee (Lori Boley, Chair)

8/6/2024 Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Those in attendance: Linda Johnston, Julie Brunsch, Pastor Kim, Lori Boley.

Opening Prayer by Pastor.

Communion – Continue as we have been

Children's Message/Passing the Peace:

Discussed whether to continue with the Children's Message since there aren't children there on a regular basis. It was decided to have Children's Message on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Going forward we will be adding a time to "Pass the Peace" after the Offertory Prayer where we will say to our neighbor "Peace be With you."

Scripture Readings – to stand or not to stand? (stand in honor of God's word)

Pastor would like us to continue to stand for the second Scripture reading "In Honor of God's word."

Slide Show/Slide Show computer

We discussed the livestream and PPT presentation computer. Currently the livestream is broadcast using the church's laptop which works but crashes due to inadequate operating capability for the OBS program. The PPT presentation is usually done through Boley's personal laptop which is only a problem when they are out of town. Proposal: Purchase a desktop dedicated to the livestream and use the current laptop for projecting the PPT presentation.

All agreed that seemed like a good plan. Concern was expressed for securing desktop computer from individuals not authorized to use said equipment. It was suggested that New Ministries might have funds to cover this cost. Dave Boley has volunteered to get cost estimates for the Council Meeting at which time we will make this proposal to the Church Council.

Confirm Next Meeting: September 10, 2024, at 6:30.

****Question about how many UMC Calendars Kathy should order? Who should pay??

Dave Boley reported he contacted TC Tech regarding a desktop computer for live streaming services. Discussion ensued. Ann Yelle made a motion to authorize Dave and Lori Boley to look into the price of a worship team computer up to a price of \$1000.00. Kolleen Branger seconded. Motion carried. Dave and Lori will follow up.

F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston)

Randy reported that F3 is scheduled to start September 25 th from 5:30 to 7:00. They need volunteers, donations for food and craft supplies. A list of supplies will be posted in the newsletter and at the church.

Sonny Sandberg thanked everyone for helping put up and take down the fair booth.

Continuing Action Items

Church Mutual had sent a letter previously regarding a flood detector which could be obtained at no charge. Discussion ensued. Dave Boley will follow up.

New Business

Julie Brunsch gave her resignation as Treasurer effective the end of the year.

Linda Johnston reported that the elevator phone has been found unplugged. Jim Williams will follow up.

Lay Member to Annual Conference (Ann Yelle)

Ann gave a reminder to read her reflection on Annual Conference in the newsletter.

Dave Boley closed with prayer.

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

Account Balances 8/31/2024

- Checking \$20.67
- Elevator Repair \$524.00
- Local Disaster \$390.00
- New Ministries \$1,299.82
- Christmas Walk \$10,000.00
- Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00
- Sunday School \$524.00
- Total Account Balances \$13,018.49**



Highlights from the Council Meeting—August 2024

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

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley.

Breakthrough prayer read in unison by Council members.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report

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

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$21,106.99; deposits of \$10,297.76; interest of \$9.91; expenditures of \$16,084.78; uncleared transactions of \$567.26; Bank Charge Back Fees \$0.00 with an ending balance as of July 31, 2024 of \$14,762.62. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$427.82; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$10,617.00; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$524.00 for balance of \$14,762.62. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1987.48; Youth Fellowship Account \$4182.74.

Current checkbook balance is 1301.49 with \$2856.23 in bills due by the end of the month.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of June 30, 2024, \$4297.40 with credits of \$1256.16 and debits of \$3507.50 with ending balance in checkbook of \$2046.06 and \$15,000.00 in CD with total balance of \$17,046.06. Monies from memorials for Iris Baudendistel, Dolly Beck, Shirley Christopherson, Mavis Cook and Fran Schultz were used to cover the cost of the new office printer, and monies from Bobbi Miles memorial were used to cover the Mother's Day flowers.

Discussion ensued regarding renewing the CD at Alliance Bank. Jay Branger made a motion to renew the \$15,000.00 CD and move the earned interest to the checkbook. Sonny Sandberg seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)

Kolleen reported she had no new news to report.

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

Pastor's Report

July 18 to August 21

▫ July 27 – Dolly Beck's memorial service.

▫ August 8 three visits

▫ August 18 – American Lutheran Home Service.

▫ August 20 one visit

▫ Conference event: July 20, Bishop Jung's Farewell Celebration.

▫ Church event: Joint Book Prayer weekly meetings with The Broken Image: Thursday, August 15 – September 26; 6:00 p.m.; at Our Savior's.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair)

Linda reported the following as submitted by Julie Brunsch, Interim Secretary.

President Linda Johnston called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with 10 women present.

The purpose was read. Julie Brunsch read the June minutes in the absence of Ann Yelle. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Gloria Williams and seconded by Debbie Duncanson. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report for June was read by Julie Brunsch indicating income of \$27.70, expenses of \$14.99 with an ending balance of \$1186.20. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Becky Davis and seconded by Debbie Duncanson. Motion carried.

Outreach: Sue Sie sent out 5 birthday cards and 1 get well card.

Spiritual Growth: Linda Sandberg read to us on "Change" from the book "Stake Your Claim".

Visitation: Linda Johnston and Gloria Williams visited with Irma Fuller at Linda King's memorial service.

Old Business: Carried over from June 2024 minutes. Ann Yelle will speak to Deb Bruning about doing a presentation to the UWF group on Strong Bodies that she did at the Academy for Life Long Learning.

New Business: Julie Brunsch advised that this is the start of a new quarter for those who pay their UWF pledges on a quarterly basis. Linda Johnston talked about the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. Dates for lefse are 10/19/2024 and rosettes on 10/26/2024. The theme will stay the same as last year, Walk Right In. The time has changed to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We talked about updating the UWF and will have further discussion at our September meeting.

July birthdays were read.

Linda Johnston gave a program on Earth Care based on Mark 12:30-34.

Motion to adjourn made by Gloria Williams and seconded by Becky Davis. Motion carried.

Lunch was served by Becky Davis and Sue Stoughton.

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny reported he put a new rope on the bell. He reported he will need a lift to replace shingles on the left side of the church roof. Discussion was held regarding emptying the dehumidifiers. Jim will follow up with Mike regarding this also. Sonny reported a representative from the company who repaired the stained glass windows contacted him inquiring if they could help us with anything. Sonny will be in contact with them regarding if they could give us replacement costs of the stained glass windows for future information regarding insurance.

Jay Branger gave a report on a discussion that was had with Church Mutual regarding insurance. Discussion ensued. Following discussion, Jay made a motion to implement cost saving measures as put forth in his report. Lori Boley seconded. Motion carried.

Ann Yelle reported discussions were held at Annual Conference regarding insurance coverage. Discussions are being held with four different insurance companies.

Sonny gave a report on replacing the mailbox.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported he stopped at the Mondovi Herald to check on the booklet for the church that he



United
Women
in Faith

October 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Craft Group

We will meet on the following
Wednesdays at 9:00 am:

- October 2
- October 16
- October 23



Christmas Bazaar News

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching! The bazaar is the only fundraiser for our church, and we need everyone's help. We invite you to join us in celebrating this exciting, fun-filled day! In the past we have asked for \$10 worth of baked goods. You might consider that as an idea for your giving if you would be so kind.

Donations are needed in all areas: Food, candy, crafts of all kinds, needlework, woodworking, artwork, garden produce, dried flowers, plants, antiques, and collectibles.

Please bring all items to the church Thursday, October 31, or Friday, November 1, between 10 am and 7 pm to allow time for pricing and arranging of items.

Thank you for supporting Our Savior's Christmas Bazaar. We could not do it without everyone's help!

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16

"Christmas...Walk Right In" Bazaar

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9am-3pm



- * Baked goods
- * Candy
- * Lefse
- * Rosettes
- * Craft & Quilt Items
- * Plants
- * Garden Décor
- * Garden Produce
- * Branger Pickles

We will be serving fancy Christmas treats, coffee and tea, for people to "walk right in and sit themselves down."

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210 N. Eau Claire St. Mondovi, WI

Tour of individual homes will not be included this year.

Special Sundays

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

50% of your donation funds scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry

35% of your donation funds training grants for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access

15% of your donation funds leadership development grants in communities around the world

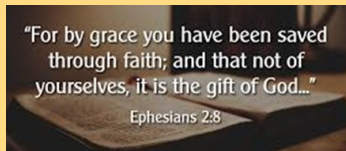
Your support funds several significant educational initiatives

October 6, 2024 World Communion

WHAT IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY?

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students offers both financial and spiritual encouragement, demonstrating the church's confidence in their potential. On World Communion Sunday, we join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we gather around His table. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local churches or [give online](#).



October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday

Reformation Day is a day set aside to recognize, remember, and celebrate the Protestant Reformation. In some countries, it is observed as an official holiday. It remembers Martin Luther and the central role he played in the reform movement that split the western church of Rome. Reformation Day is October 31 of every year. That is the day in 1517 when Dr. Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was Luther's act that caused the initial furor that resulted in the Reformation. Luther had earned his Doctor of Theology degree in Wittenberg and was a respected professor there, as well as the assistant pastor of the Castle Church. Luther chose October 31 because it was the day before All Saints' Day. The Castle Church's front door opened on a main street of the city, and it was a good place to post a notice for public viewing. Luther knew

that on the next day, November 1 — All Saints' Day — the church would be filled with worshipers, many of whom were educated and literate.

WHY DID LUTHER POST HIS 95 THESES?

There were numerous reasons identified in the theses. Luther addressed a number of objectionable teachings and doctrines, including salvation by works and the practice of selling indulgences. These were actual certificates that people could purchase from the Church that absolved them of their sins and promised their salvation and eternal life. Pope Leo X called for the sale of indulgences in Germany to help raise money to complete the construction of Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome. The Pope said that those who purchased these indulgences would be absolved of all sin. Some of Luther's parishioners purchased these indulgences and asked Luther about their validity. This led directly to his posting of the 95 Theses.



<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/reformation-day-what-why-and-resources-for-worship>

BISHOP SCHWERIN'S DAY APART

MONDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2024

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

We invite you to join Bishop Schwerin for a special day of worship, reflection, and communion day. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

Tuesday, October 15 at Eau Claire: Chapel Heights UMC
300 E. Hamilton Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701-7269

Clergy - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Laity - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Clergy Register Here: <https://wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/2024BishopsDayApart71>

Laity Register Here: <https://wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/2024BishopsLaityDayApart7171>

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Nomination Committee Meeting	2 9:00 am Craft Group 5:30-7:00 PM F3	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship World Communion Sunday	7 7:00 pm Dartball-Home	8	9 2:00 pm UWF 3:30 pm Bazaar Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm F3	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship; Choir Sings	14 7:00 pm Dartball-Home	15	16 9:00 am Craft Group 5:30-7:00 PM F3 & Confirmation	17 6:00 pm Council Meeting	18 3:00 pm Lefse Prep	19 9:00 am Lefse Making 10:00 am Lefse Packing
20 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship Laity Sunday	21 7:00 pm Dartball-Away	22	23 9:00 am Craft Group 5:30-7:00 PM F3 & Confirmation	24 November Newsletter Deadline	25	26 9:00 am Rosettes Making 12:30 pm Rosettes Packing
27 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship; Choir Sings 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship Reformation Sunday	28 7:00 pm Dartball-Away	29	30 5:30-7:00 PM F3 & Confirmation 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice	31 Reformation Day 10:00 am-7:00 pm Bring bazaar items to church	1 All Saints Day 10:00 am-7:00 pm Bring bazaar items to church	2 9:00 am-3:00 pm Christmas Bazaar

October Worship Service Helpers

	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Oct 6	Randy & Dora Johnston	Ann Yelle	Linda Johnston & David Saxe
Oct 13	Ann Yelle & Rita McDonnell	Mike Bruning	Stephanie Stamm & Bill Lier
Oct 20	Sue Sie & Mary Beth Pichler	Rita McDonnell	Jan Bechel & Mary Beth Pichler
Oct 27	Bob & Sue Stoughton	Mary Beth Pichler	Jay Branger & Lorraine Diener

Camera Operator: Saul Ness



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.