



*Our calling is to reach all people
with the life-changing power of
God's Love and Grace available to
all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

The Westby United Methodist Church
welcomes **everyone** with open arms and open
hearts as indicated in Romans 15:7 (NIV):
*Accept one another, then, just as Christ
accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

Newsletter

Westby United Methodist Church

September 2018

WORSHIP TOGETHER

IN THIS ISSUE



by Pastor Pam Harkema

The United Methodist Church was officially formed on April 23, 1968 with the unification of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical Brethren Church. As part of this process, the Central Jurisdiction, a segregated group of

African American congregations, was dissolved and all congregations were brought together under a single organizational structure...

At that time 50 years ago, 1,300 delegates and 10,000 visitors met in Dallas, Texas to celebrate the formation of the newly-constituted United Methodist Church. This merger of 10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of the EUB Church resulted in one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world. Flags from fifty-three countries testified to the breadth of the new reality.

The roots of Methodism go back much further of course. The Methodist Episcopal Church of America began in 1784 drawing from the teachings of John Wesley and the Methodist movement in England. Of course, a lot of things have changed in 264 years in America as well as our Methodist Church.

What has not changed though is that we are called to live our faith. Living our faith means understanding what we believe in and then reflecting that belief in our daily actions and choices.

Christians believe in the love of Jesus Christ that reaches out to all creation. Christians are called to serve wherever Christ would have us work to heal and free others through the power of the Holy Spirit. In this, United Methodists are like most other Christian denominations. But there are also a few ways we express our faith that is distinctive from others.

Through the fall, we will explore what we believe not just as Christians, but more specifically, what we believe as United Methodists. We have a wonderful heritage in Methodism. Explore with us.

(Some weeks, I will be gone. I am thankful for lay speakers who are filling in.)

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September 2 – Means of Grace. Methodists understand grace as an unearned loving action of God in our lives. John Wesley further taught that grace is not one sweeping gift given after we offer the right penitence. Grace goes before our sin, grace convicts us to examine ourselves, and grace redeems us.

September 9 – Three Simple Rules. From the beginning of Methodism, three rules have governed the way we live and treat others, the way we are in relationship with God, and the way we worship. The rules are simple to say, but not necessarily simple to follow.

September 16 – Lay Speaker

September 23 – Social Holiness. Probably the thing that Methodists are known for most around the world is our compassion for others. We hold the dignity and value of each person and all people. We advocate for the poor, seek restorative justice, environmental accountability, freedom from political oppression. It sounds great on the world scale, but what does it mean for us locally? We are guided by social principles for living, but what are they? What does Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors mean for us today?

September 30 – The Dischords

October 7 – World Communion Sunday. Around the world, Christians of all faiths celebrate Holy Communion as one people of Christ on the first Sunday of October. Communion is one of two sacraments shared in the United Methodist Church. The other is Baptism.

October 14 – Lay Speaker

October 21 – Moving Towards Perfection. No, we are not perfect. In spite of tremendous ideals, our humanity keeps us from perfection. Methodists believe we are called to live in ways that move us toward perfection. The aspects of our life together ready us to go into our world with the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit to love and serve in the name of Christ.

In praise of Christ,

*Pastor
Dan*



September Birthdays

Sept. 5 – Marne Theige
 Sept. 11 – Amanda Oney-Siam
 Sept. 18 – Lois Gerling
 Sept. 21 – Sara Berg
 Sept. 27 – Austin Brown



September Anniversaries:

Sept. 12 – Norm & Maureen Davis
 Sept. 15 – Eric & Val Holey

Pastor Pam's Schedule:

Monday – Driftless Regional Ministry office (9 am - 5 pm)

Tuesday – Driftless Regional Ministry office (9 am - 5 pm)

Wednesday – Visitations

Thursday – Driftless Regional Ministry office (9 am - 5 pm)

Friday – Sabbath

Saturday – By Appointment

Sunday – Worship Services (8 am – 12 pm)

September Office Hours

Driftless Regional Ministry Office:

E2286 Hwy. 82 in De Soto

Contact Information:

Cell Phone – 989-666-1277

Parsonage Phone – 608-648-2528

*** Pastor Pam will be attending classes September 10-14 and on vacation September 24-28 ***

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Pam visits people in the hospital and nursing homes and has made some home visits as well. If you know someone who is either homebound or in a care facility and not able to get around and would like a visit, please let Pastor Pam know with a phone call 608-648-2528 or email pastor@driftlessministry.org.

**Need
a
Visit?**

Worship Notes

After a few weeks together, we're all becoming familiar with the worship structure. Last month's newsletter explained in detail how the parts of the worship service fit together. There are many ways to worship. If you have ideas for something we can try or something you would like to see in our worship time, or other feedback about worship, please speak with Pastor Pam.

Bible Basics Study Group

BIBLE BASICS will meet Tuesday the 11th of September at 1:00 PM in the Halvorsen Community Room. We will discuss David, the second King of Israel, the son of Jesse. Jesus said in *Rev. 22:16* He was of the root of David.

Bible Study



Youth Sunday School

The youth Sunday school classes will start after the Vernon County Fair is over. The first day of class will either be Sunday, September 23rd or 30th. We look forward to another year of learning about Jesus and God's love for us.

Youth of all ages are invited to come and join us! If you have any questions or would like to help with the Sunday school program, please contact Jane Gaskell at 608-634-3283.

Prayers for September

Pick up a copy of these prayers at worship and keep it in a place where you will see it often.

Monday

I don't know why You love me Lord, but You do. I can be a very irrational and illogical child, but if I will just pause and step aside from my pride, You will make sense of everything. Help me become humble enough to take Your guiding hand, obedient enough to follow Your ways, attentive enough to hear Your words, silent enough to listen.

Tuesday

How majestic is Your name in all the earth. I marvel at Your creation. The tiniest seed becomes the bountiful harvest. You paint each sunset uniquely and each leaf on every tree and bush with care. I praise You with my whole self. My heart sings Your glorious praise. How majestic is Your name in all the earth.

Wednesday

Lord, I do not know what to ask of You. You know better than I what my needs are. You love me more than I can know how to love. Help me see clearly the real needs that I do not see. I open my heart and myself to You.

Thursday

Pluck out the bitterness I hold in my heart, loving Lord. In its place fill me with grace and forgiveness, acceptance and gentleness. Help me to see a world through the eyes of another who is not as blessed as I am with the bounty of life. Let me be Your light to someone.

Friday

Today I lift all of those who do not know You, Savior and King. Lay on their hearts the desire for more and guide them to interact with those who believe in You Christ. And Lord if it should be me who You guide them to, give me words to speak and courage to speak whatever truth they need to hear that will bring them into fellowship with You and Your church.

Saturday

Let me start today with joy in my heart; joy that Christ is my Lord. Let me live today with peace in my heart; peace in the breath of the Spirit. Let me end today in gratitude in my heart; gratitude for the love of our Father, the Creator of all. Praise to the Triune God.

Sunday

As I worship today, may my intentions be pure, my penitence be sincere, my mind attentive to Your Holy Voice, and may all that I do glorify You Lord.

Anytime through the day

I really, really need to hear Your word Lord.
Come into my heart Lord Jesus.
Our God is an awesome God.



⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Westby United Methodist Church - Board Meeting † August 8, 2018

Present: Pastor Pam Harkema, Kelly Bjornstad, Cindy Brown, Tim Gaskell, Jane Gaskell, Ardith Hoff and Jean Shore

Opening: Tim Gaskell opened the meeting with Prayer.

Approval of Minutes - The July minutes were emailed and reviewed by board members and published in the August newsletter. Kelly Bjornstad and Cindy Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Verna submitted the July report but was unavailable for the meeting. There was a question regarding MRA & Vision in Pastor's benefits. Verna can clarify at the next meeting. Furnace fund growth noted: \$6,952.68. Some of the purchases of the Hoff book have increased this, as well as other donations. Utilities in June were \$184.85, and in July, \$350.90. Discussion about possible reasons focused on greater use of church building, noting the AC has not been used. Jane Gaskell and Jean Shore motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- † Mail Delivery – The new mailbox has been setup by the south entrance. Thank you to Kelly Bjornstad for a wonderful job installing the mailbox so quickly and thanks to Verna Drake for getting it ordered! The post is 3.5 feet in the ground. Keys to the box are located in the vestibule drawer. Mail delivery will begin September 1. Verna will check the box 2 times per week. There was discussion of the marking flags still in the lawn which have interfered with mowing. Tim will remove Sunday if the flags are not needed by a utility.
- † Thank you to Verna Drake for completing these tasks:
 - ◆ Reserved the power washer from ACE Hardware (Premier Co-op) for Sept. 8 from 8:30-11:30.
 - ◆ Added Kelly Bjornstad to our list of people who can charge items at ACE Hardware
 - ◆ Called the city about possible mailbox requirements and found out they don't have any; ordered the mailbox and called the Digger's Hotline for installing the mailbox
 - ◆ Asked Pastor John to contact Pastor Pam concerning pastor gatherings in Westby
- † Outside Clean-Up (Sept. 8th starting at 8:30 AM) – Discussed providing coffee and rolls or other breakfast items as well as tasks for those not able to help with outside clean up.

New Business:

- † Communion Table need: Pastor will need another small table at the front of the church for communion Sundays. It was decided the necessary size is in existing church furnishings. Cindy will procure a white tablecloth for the table.
- † Attendance Books: Discussion of the value of these books. Pastor pointed out that attendance data is needed for the Church's report to the Conference and they serve as a ministry tool. We will continue to use the books, making an announcement regarding their value and encourage congregants to use: especially providing contact info.

Business from Board Committees:

- † **Trustees:** Kelly reports that he will not be available for board meetings due to his new job with evening hours. We will need to communicate by email or text between meetings. He will trim bushes at some point this summer. Discussion of ceiling fans in fellowship hall running too fast. Furnace is expected to

be installed by October. Musty smell in building noted. Cindy will ask Tom S. if we could borrow his dehumidifiers again, as we did last year.

- ✝ **SPRC:** Gary was not available to report. Tim will reach out to Gary.
- ✝ **Worship:** Some congregants have commented they are not used to a formal worship service with liturgy. They have appreciated Pastor Pam's messages. Pastor Pam would like to meet with the worship committee to discuss the worship service.
- ✝ **Education:** The VBS campout night is planned for August 26th from 4-7 p.m. Jane has sent out invitations. Music, games and worship activities are planned.
- ✝ **Lay Leadership:** Ardith has spoken to group from another Church re Visioning Session. She suggests that a short survey at the end of services may be a good evaluation tool, giving us valuable feedback. Suggestion to do this before the offering time.
- ✝ **Missions:** Our August mission is Bethel Butikk.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Pam met with Pastor John, but the local Ecumenical group is suspended for the summer.
- S.P.R.C. is needed, and Pastor asks that it be more active.
- Pastor met with Tom and Sharon Sharratt re the sociological analysis DVD obtained through a grant. Pastor asks the board to watch the DVD, currently at the Sharratt's home.
- Pastor Pam is still seeking names of persons needing a visit.
- Pastor will meet with Scott Carlson later in August.
- Prayers for the Oney-Siam family requested.

Next meeting will be scheduled at a later date since Pastor and some board members have a conflict on the second Wednesday in September.

Closing: Tim Gaskell closed in prayer.

Jean Shore motioned to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Praise Group

The Praise Group has been learning some new songs this summer in *The Faith We Sing* hymnal book that compliments Pastor Pam's messages.



Please continue to request your favorite hymns and contemporary worship songs.

***Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.***

(Psalm 95:1)

Online Study – Illuminate: A 21 Day Journey

You and I are the church of Jesus Christ on the earth today, the visible representation of an invisible God. We have the Holy Spirit living within us and have been commissioned to shine (illuminate) His love in the midst of a dark world. *But what does that mean? How did we get here? And what do we do with all of this?* All good questions, and if you stick with us through this 21-day journey, we are confident that the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to the light within you that God intends to use to illuminate the world! Join us in this study this September and start illuminating the world around you for God's kingdom! Go to <https://bible.com/p/6784773/924b835c245533afcf2406b686bca083> to sign up and join the study. The study is scheduled to start on Sunday, September 9th and will go through September 29th.



If you haven't used the Bible App yet, it is free and easy to use! You can download it for FREE in the Google Play Store or in the iTunes store. Just search for the "Bible App". You can also join the study for FREE online on your home computer by going to bible.com and setting up a FREE account. I think you'll find yourself using the app or website more and more as you begin to dig deeper. It really is a great resource! Try it today and join us for Illuminate: A 21 Day Journey this September!

Mission of the Month – La Crosse Area Autism Foundation



One in forty-five is the official estimate of how many children are diagnosed each year with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). That figure was arrived at by a government survey of parents with children ages 3-17, who have been diagnosed with an ASD. My daughter, who was a teacher in the three-year-old room at a daycare facility, believes the percentage is much higher. She herself has a son who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome when he was very young. She recognized the symptoms in several of the children in her care over the years and alerted the parents. Some of the parents did not agree to have their child evaluated, but others were grateful for her alertness to the need for early intervention, no matter what unusual developmental symptoms they exhibited.

ASD's range from very high -functioning Asperger's Syndrome to very severe forms of autism, which can manifest itself in very debilitating developmental delays and disabilities. Three children in a family within our church family, that we are familiar with, have all been diagnosed with an ASD with varying degrees of severity. Having observed the difficulties such families suffer helps us understand the needs of such individuals and families.

In our area, the La Crosse Area Autism Foundations is one of the organizations that helps parents of children who have a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. They help with education, transportation needs, helpful devices and programs that assist in the care and treatment for the children and financial and emotional support for the parents.

This month we are asking church members to donate money directly to the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation (ALF). The foundation is a 501c3 organization. We can give on line at <http://www.laxautism.org> or by mailing checks to the foundation at 317 4th Street S., #297 La Crosse, WI 54602-0453. We are happy to mail them for you if you prefer to put checks designated for the La Crosse Area Foundation in the offering plate at church. Thank you in advance for your support of this important mission.

The Forever Club (by LaVonne Barlow)

Forever Club Bible Study 101 Part VI of the Genealogy of Jesus

September Lesson #15

DAVID TO DANIEL

David, chosen by God and often referred to as “**A man after God's own heart**”. There are many examples of David's valor and abilities as a soldier as he conquered many of the surrounding peoples and (**2 Sam. 8:14**) tells us “**that the Lord preserved David wherever he went**” and in (**vs 15**) **David reigned over all of Israel; And David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.**”

David the Statistician (**1 Chron. 21 & 2 Sam. 24**)

However, **David failed to trust God** and ordered Joab to count all the men available for military duty.

- 1 Chron. 21:1-8** a. Satan entices b. Joab cautions c. David commands
- 1 Chron. 21:9-13** a. David repents b. God gives David 3 choices c. David chooses #3
- 1 Chron. 21:14-15** a. 70,000 men die, and God tells the angel to stop when he came to Jerusalem
- 1 Chron. 21: 16-17** a. David and his elders beg God to stop the plague
- 1 Chron. 21:18-26** a. David is told to set up an altar and sacrifice at Ornan's threshing floor
- 1 Chron. 21:27-30** a. The Lord stops the plague after David's sacrifice

Insight on Mt. Moriah in (**II Chron. 3:1 & Gen. 22:2**)

David The Sinner (**2 Sam. 11**) after he committed adultery with Uriah's wife he ordered him to be killed in battle as a cover up. It was a sin worthy of death. God sends Nathan the prophet to confront David of his sins. David repents of his sins and God preserves his life. **Ps. 38,32,51**

David the Sorrowful (**2 Sam. 12-31 & 1 Chron. 20,21**)

God's Fourfold Judgment of David's family after he had taken Bethsheba to be his wife.

- *** The child Bathsheba bore David became sick and died (**2 Sam. 12:14,22,23**)
- **** **2 Sam. 13** Am'non a son of David by one of his wives fell in love with his half-sister, Tamar and rapes her and then degrades her further by telling her to leave and bolted the door after her. **Vs 15-18.**
- ***** **2 Sam. 13** Tamar takes refuge with Absolom, her full brother and he tries to comfort her but inside he hated Amnon for what he had done to his sister, and **vs 23** tells us he waited two full years for his revenge and he had his servants kill Amnon.
- ****** Absolom leads a rebellion against his father, King David. **2 Sam. 15:6-12.** Joab, David's nephew, who is his commander in chief, kills Absolom **2 Sam. 18:5,9,14**

The Davidic Covenant from God (**2 Sam. 7:4-17 & 1 Chron. 17:3-15**)

God sends Nathan to David with the message.

2 Sam. 7:16 **And thine house and thy kingdom will be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.** (Note vs. 10)

1 Chron. 17:14 **But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom forever: and his throne shall be established forever.** (Note vs. 9)

David to Captivity In Babylon

These next few hundred years in the genealogy of Jesus are very chaotic. The pagan inhabitants of the land that they did not destroy per God's command along with their pagan religions seemed to draw God's people like a magnet.

All the major prophets and most of the minor prophets were called upon by God to warn the people about their idolatry during this period, including the events in the books of Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah are from this era.

When Solomon died about 930 B.C. his son Rehoboam lost 10 tribes to Jeroboam, who God had picked because of Solomon's idolatrous worship of his wives' foreign gods. **1 Kings 12:1-19** tells us that Rehoboam would not listen to the people's pleas for lessor taxes now that the Temple was completed and when he sent Adoram, who was over the tax collectors, they stoned him so he died. So, Rehoboam gathered the armies of Judah and Benjamin to fight, but the Lord sent word by Shemaiah to tell him he was not to fight his brothers. **1 Kings 12: 21-24**

The Northern 10 Tribes kept the name Israel, and Jeroboam, their chosen King, was fearful when the faithful people went to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple, they would stay there. So to keep the people from going to Jerusalem, he made two golden calves and put them in the cities of Bethel and Dan and told them they were their God and to worship them. **1 Kings 12:25-31**.

The Lord was very angry at Israel **2 Kings 17:18, 20-23**, so Israel only lasted 210 years when finally their last King, Hoshea was taken captive by the Assyrians and imprisoned. Of the 19 kings who ruled over them, not one was righteous in the eyes of the Lord.

The Southern Kingdom of Judah lasted 345 years. Three assaults by Nebuchadnezzar the powerful king of Babylon over a period of years resulted in thousands being carried off to Babylon including Daniel and his 3 friends, Ezra the priest and Nehemiah. Many of them were called to serve in the Royal Household. God allowed this because of their worship of the pagan idols.

Zedekiah, the last King of Judah was finally captured and was forced to watch all his sons killed and then they put out his eyes and imprisoned him until he died. He was the youngest son of Josiah, who had been the most righteous king since David. Of their 20 Kings some were good and others bad.

Nathan to Melchi Genealogy of Jesus From **Luke 3: 31-27**

Luke 3:31 Na'-than #34 the son of David and Bathsheba, father of #35 Mat' ta-tha (name means *gift of Jehovah*) who is the father of # 36 Me'nán and he is the father of #37 whose name is Mel'-e-a.

Luke 3:30 #38 is E-li'-a-kim , (*raised up by God*) son of Melea and father of # 39 Jo'-nan and he is the father of #40 Jo'seph who is the father of #41 Ju'da, he was the father of #42 Sim' e-on, the father of

Luke 3:29 #43 Le'-vi the father of #44 Mat'-that the father of #45 Jo'-rim (*who Jehovah has exalted*) the father of #46 El-i-e'-zer, (*God is his help*) who was the father of #47 Jo'-se, and he is the father of

Luke 3:28 #48 Er, was the father of # 49 El-mo'-dam, who was the father of #50 Co'-sam and he was the father of #51 Ad'-di and #52 is Mel'-chi.

Please contact LaVonne Barlow (608-632-4707 or email: lavonnec321@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

There will not be any Adult Sunday school classes in September.

Reminders Series (by Ardith Hoff)

TOLERANCE WITH LOVE

According to a traditional Hebrew story, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and the journey, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted the man and invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink. The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?" The old traveler replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other god." When he heard this, Abraham became incensed, grabbed the old man by the shoulders and threw him out of his tent into the cold night air.

When the old man had departed, God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "I forced him out because he did not worship you." God answered, "I have suffered him these eighty some years although he dishonors me. Could you not endure him for one night?"

The story is an illustration of how easy it is to criticize someone for not behaving the way we think they should. We all know this old joke: "Do not criticize another person until you have walked a mile in his shoes...then you will be a mile away and have his shoes."

Of course, none of us would think of stealing another's shoes. But we don't always think before we criticize, thus stealing another person's dignity. People who are looked at askance are often made to feel uncomfortable. They may be reluctant to be around others for fear of being judged. We all like to sit next to the nice people we know who think and worship like we do. We think we know how God wants us to worship Him. The problem is that God didn't send His Son to die just for those who dress nicely and always sing His praises in tune. Jesus came to save all people, especially the imperfect ones.

If you are staying away from church because you are not sure you will feel comfortable, remember that Jesus told us to love everyone, especially imperfect people. And we are all imperfect!

Church Fall Clean-up

On Saturday, September 8, from 8:30-11:30, come and join us for a time of fellowship and working together at the fall clean-up of the outside area around the church.



Our goals are to clean the outside walls of the church with a power washer, do some weeding and trim the bushes. If you have any hedge trimmers, shovels or hoes, please bring them to the fall clean-up.

A breakfast will be served to give you plenty of energy for cleaning and weeding.

If you can help and possibly bring garden tools, please contact Tim Gaskell, Verna Drake or Linda Weilnau. Thank you for helping to make the outside of our church look nice!

Giving Baskets – Outreach Project

Earlier this year, we received a grant from the United Methodist Foundation to help start a Giving Baskets outreach project. We will be doing two different baskets, one for chemo patients and one for people new to Westby. The recipients will be receiving tote bags with a wide variety of items. The Giving Baskets committee decided to provide four Chemo Bags a month and four Welcome Bags a month. We would like each bag to contain the following:

Chemo Bags	Welcome Bags
Magnet with Church Information	Magnet with Church Information
Bookmark with Bible Verses	Bookmark with Bible Verses
Small Fleece Blanket/Throw	Westby Informational Brochure
Lip Balm (unscented)	1 – Westby Garbage Bag (smaller size)
Package of Gum	Roll of Paper Towels
Puzzle or Coloring Book	Package of Paper Plates
Pen and/or Colored Pencils	Package of Napkins
Small Package of Ginger Snap Cookies	Package of Plastic Cutlery
Peppermint Candies (individually wrapped)	Package of Pudding/Gelatin Cups
Hand Cream (small bottle or tube – unscented)	Package of Granola Bars/Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers

We would also like to include a hand-written note with a Bible verse and a few words of inspiration for the Chemo bags, and we'd like a welcoming note for the Welcome bags.

Each month, we will be placing a board in the narthex with detachable notes as to what is needed, similar to what is done with the Christmas gifts for the Norseland residents. The notes will also include a due date. The Chemo bags will be delivered to Vernon Memorial Hospital and the Welcome bags will be given out at City Hall along with the bag new residents receive from the Westby Chamber of Commerce.

The grant is providing the funding for the magnets, bookmarks, brochures, garbage bags and fleece blankets for a year's supply. We will need your assistance with providing the other items.

We have enough supplies for the first set of Chemo bags for September, so we will be placing a board with what is needed for the Welcome bags for this month.

Thank you for helping to spread God's love for everyone through this outreach project.

***And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.***

(Hebrews 13:16)

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

(Philippians 2:3-4)

Advance Lay Servant Class – UMC Polity

On Saturday, September 22 and 29, 2018, the United Methodist Polity course will be held at Waunakee Crossroads from 9:00-3:00. Rev. Scott Carlson will be the instructor. Waunakee Crossroads is located at 5901 Hogan Road, Waunakee, WI 53597. Please bring a sack lunch. The cost is \$25.00 for this class. Registration deadline is September 12, 2018.

This course, on United Methodist Polity, is designed to help students gain an understanding of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, its Doctrinal Standard and Theological Task, the Ministry of All Christians, the Social Principles, and its organization and administration. Students will be introduced to Ordained and Licensed Ministry, Superintendency and Episcopacy, the mission and organization of the Local Church, District and Annual Conferences, Jurisdictional, Regional and General Conferences.

The Goal of this Course: Through this course, students will gain insight into the tradition and practice of The United Methodist Church. It will prepare students to participate in the decision-making process the church prescribes for ordering the life of the community. It also will prepare students for a variety of leadership roles they may assume as lay or clergy leaders of the church.

Required Text: Polity, Practice and the Mission of The United Methodist Church (Please purchase from Amazon) And *The Book of Discipline* (any version after 2008)

Registration Contact: Sherry Malone, District Office Manager

Phone Number: 608.837.0056

Email: smalone@wisconsinumc.org

*Completing at least 10 hours of this course of instruction is required to count toward your Advanced Lay Servant Training *



Labor Day Pancake Breakfast @ New Hope UMC

It's an annual tradition! New Hope's Labor Day Pancake Breakfast is a delicious opportunity you will not want to miss! They will be hosting their breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Labor Day (Monday, September 3rd) and will be serving pancakes, blueberries, sausage, applesauce, and beverages. There is no set cost, but a freewill donation basket will be available. Carry-outs will also be available, just call (608) 648-2644 during the event or stop in and place your order in person. Plus, here's an added bonus: 10% of all proceeds will go to the United Methodist Midwest Disaster Relief Fund! There will also be a bake sale, so you can take home some scrumptious baked goods with you to enjoy throughout the day! So come on out and enjoy breakfast with your family, friends, and neighbors this Labor Day at the New Hope UMC!

99th Retreat World's Fair!

Everyone is welcome to join the Retreat community in celebrating another fantastic year of faith, family, and friends! The 99th Retreat World's Fair will be held on Saturday, September 29th and features fun for all ages! The horse show and tractor pull are always fun to watch and never fail to disappoint. The Retreat UMC will once again take part in the festivities and will be hosting fun games for the kids during the day. Delicious food and music also await you in the community center! And the day wouldn't be complete without the famous 2-way parade at Noon! So bring the family and reconnect with long-time friends at the 99th Retreat World's Fair in fantastic Retreat, WI!



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 ✠10:15 AM – Fellowship ✠10:45 AM – Worship Service (Communion)	3 8:00-11:00 AM – Pancake Breakfast @ New Hope	4	5	6	7 Pastor Pam's Sabbath Day	8 8:30-11:30 AM - Fall Cleanup
9 ✠10:15 AM – Fellowship ✠10:45 AM – Worship Service	10 <i>Pastor Pam attending classes</i>	11 1:00 PM – Bible Basics Study Group (Halvorsen Apartments) <i>Pastor Pam attending classes</i>	12 6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting ... All are welcome! <i>Pastor Pam attending classes</i>	13 <i>Pastor Pam attending classes</i>	14 <i>Pastor Pam attending classes</i>	15
16 ✠10:15 AM – Fellowship ✠10:45 AM – Worship Service	17	18	19	20 Pastor Pam at Circuit Pastors meeting	21 Pastor Pam's Sabbath Day	22
23 ✠9:30 AM – Youth Sunday School ?? ✠10:15 AM – Fellowship ✠10:45 AM – Worship Service	24 <i>Pastor Pam on vacation</i>	25 <i>Pastor Pam on vacation</i>	26 <i>Pastor Pam on vacation</i>	27 <i>Pastor Pam on vacation</i>	28 <i>Pastor Pam on vacation</i>	29 12:00 PM - Retreat World's Fair
30 ✠9:30 AM – Youth Sunday School ✠10:15 AM – Fellowship ✠10:45 AM – Worship Service – <i>The Dischords</i>						