

January 2025

GoodNews

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2025!

Greetings from the Pastor

Happy New Year!

We have just received a gift from God: A brand new year. And in turn of receiving this precious gift, our mission of the new year is: To take care of yourself and those around you, to do, to love, to seek the will of God and His kingdom. Like the children who are overjoyed about the Christmas gift from Santa, it must be appropriate to rejoice and give thanks to God for another new year and live to the fullest with God-given missions.

I am happy that I have many people to express my(& God's) "thank you" as we face the new year's ministry. I truly appreciate all the parishioners who have been joining in ministry of the parish by offering, prayer, and job responsibilities. And we often say thank you to the people in the front leadership position for their job is easy to notice. But we may not have enough appreciation for some of the hard workers and I would like to mention and give special thanks to them as well.

Thank you to Ad Board leaders for your prayers and dedications! Thank you to all volunteers for church and community! Thanks to all parishioners for your Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers for me and my family. I appreciate it very much.

'Gratitude and praise' are key words for worship. Not only that, but they are the keywords of our faith journey. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4) When gratitude overflows, praise comes out, and the theme of praise is gratitude. Let's give thanks to and praise God during worship, after worship, and throughout our lives.

Our lives are full of joy and gratitude when we realize and appreciate the grace of salvation that God has given me without needing to repay. Those who thank God become grateful to their families, neighbors, and everything about their life.

As the pastor, I pray that your life will be full of gratitude and praise this year. God bless you and your family in this New Year.

Love in Christ,

Pastor David



Prayer
Requests

Remember
in
Prayer

Marna Frank
AnnaMae Shaughnessy
Arlene Maxwell
Ruth Callan
Virginia Rodgers
Ellen Shuemate

Melodies of Compassion for January
will be given to
United Methodist Church in Bolivia

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



Counter Schedule

Jan. 5	Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf
12	Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
19	Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
26	Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf

Our Role Model of the Year for 2024 is: Deon Frieri!



Meet Deon Frieri,

Wesley's Role Model of the year!

Deon has been a long-time member of our church. She is currently our Finance Chair, beginning this year, but has been working with our children as our Sunday School leader and teacher for many years.

She was chosen by the administration council for this award due to her dedication to our church, our children, and our financial well-being. Deon brings some of her many grandchildren weekly to attend services. We have seen them grow up in our church community and we know that Deon influences them as she influences the other children of our members as they grow in God.

Join with me to congratulate Deon on her well-deserved award!

Blessings,
Christie Hansen
Chair of Admin Council





The outreach committee has some upcoming events to help others in our community.

Saturday Academy will be held in March this year on March 8, 15, 22, and 29th. The hours will be from 9am – noon. We will be looking for volunteers to help lead life skills or provide an extra pair of hands to those teaching life skills, or extra hands for the people preparing breakfast and lunch. If you are interested and are able to help with this mission, please let Kathy Mulroy (262-942-1744 or amulroy@wi.rr.com) know and I would be happy to answer any questions.

We also would like to start a Wesley day of Service project. The idea for this is to provide opportunities for others to help in our community by volunteering to help others, such as yardwork for the elderly, working at a non-profit, or any other non-skilled projects someone may have. If you have any ideas to serve others in our community or know of someone who might need some help. Let one of the members of the outreach team know. We are looking at a date in April. We would like to have as many volunteers as possible and try to provide help to as many people as possible.

If you have not received your offering envelopes, please check the table in the narthex. If you do not see your name on one, please let Kathy Mulroy know. If you give electronically, you will not have an offering envelope.

Look for your 2024 giving statements in your email or your mail or at the church by mid-January for your tax purposes.

Our first quarter Melody of Compassion for 2025 is the United Methodist Church in Bolivia.

The Wisconsin Conference has a partnership with the Bolivia Evangelical Methodist Church. The Wisconsin point person for the Bolivia Partnership mission is our own Rev Anita Lang.

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Bolivia is a poor country with poor churches. The median income for a Bolivian Methodist is less than \$2/day, the definition of extreme poverty by the U.N. The majority of the membership live in poor rural villages, and not in the cities. This means that funds for church growth, construction, and training must come primarily from sources other than the local church. The cost of land, construction, and new pastors is greater than what the Church in Bolivia can afford. There are similar situations in the other large cities of Bolivia. There is also a need to repair and expand many of our older chapels throughout Bolivia.

The Bolivia and Wisconsin conferences mutually collaborate in supporting the "Casa del Adulto Mayor" in its mission to honor and care for elderly members of the community. The Bolivia Conference is actively working to find ways to furnish this residential housing facility for the elderly and seeks financial support along with prayers from local churches. Your gifts will help provide spiritual and material support for the care and well-being of many families in the church and wider community. An important mission that brings help and hope to the vulnerable. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

In Bolivia, the contributions that women make to the church, the community, and their own families is astounding. They require sewing machines to support themselves, their homes, and local churches.

In the current situation: they only have one machine that can accommodate 30 ladies, and they are unable to increase production. In order to help make possible the work they do; the Wisconsin Conference is working to provide sewing machines for these sisters in faith.

Local churches in the Bolivian Evangelical Methodist Church are facing difficult times due to the pandemic, post-pandemic effects, inflation, and rural needs. The newly appointed bishop, Rev. Medardo Vedia Gutierrez hopes that some of the churches in the WI Conference will sponsor a local church in Bolivia for one to two years. In Bolivia, Bishop Vedia listed nine local churches that are praying for a church in WI that might be ready to answer God's call.

The goal is to build relationships, pray for each other, and learn and communicate with people from different cultures. Local churches in WI could assist local churches in Bolivia with minor projects like Instruments- guitar, bass, and drums for worship Mattresses, chairs, plates, a kitchen stove, chairs for the sanctuary, etc. One of the first churches to support a church in Bolivia was Elkhorn FUMC. The rural church in Bolivia is building a new church at the Zamora location thanks to the support of this congregation.

Sources: [Bolivia Partnership - Wisconsin Conference of the UMC](#) ; [Church Projects in Bolivia - Global Ministries](#)



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you for your donations! Arnold Parise brought 11 lbs. of your donations to the Shalom Center for December.

Thank you for your support.

You may drop off items at the church from 8-noon, Mon. through Fri. or on Sunday.



Tax Time

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Wesley Cookbooks are still available!

Please contact Kathy Mulroy



January

- 3 Joan Hall
- 3 Joyce Dreyer
- 9 RJ Barrientos
- 12 Bill Ricchio
- 14 Deon Frieri
- 14 Kathy Mulroy
- 18 Mary Brehm
- 18 Bill Peche
- 23 Christie Hansen
- 25 Lauren Kugler
- 25 Leigh Kugler

February

- 1 Ava Hansen
- 6 Janie Khoury
- 10 Charli Valentine
- 11 Virginia Westman
- 13 Candice Briscoe
- 14 Felicia Gaines
- 18 Martha Mock
- 22 Ellen Shuemate
- 23 Brandon Trumbo



February

18 Felicia & Carlton Gaines

thank you!

A big Thank you to everyone who helped make the Adopt-a-family a huge success. Special thanks to Andrew Hansen, Alan Mulroy, and Luann Lindow for helping to sort food, and to Andrew Hansen, Luanne Lindow, Alan Mulroy, and Kris Trumbo for helping to wrap gifts, and a big thank you to Margaret Christian, Jerry, Alan Mulroy, and Crystal Tuchalski for helping to wrap gifts at Santa's workshop.

Kathy

Family Game Night

Gather your family and friends for a rousing evening of fun and competition. Pastor David will be bringing special food from Korea—prepare to be amazed! We will be having team competitions, so ask everyone you can think of! Let's make this a night to remember.

Sunday, January 12
at 5:00 pm



UWF

UWF Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 9:30a.m. at the Church.

You could start the new year by joining us and see what we are about, looking forward to see you there.

The Deborah Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm.



Wesley Yarners

The Wesley Yarners will be meeting

Thursday, **Jan 2** at 10:00 am
and Thursday, **Jan 9** at 10:00 am

Please join us and have a great fellowship while helping those in need in and around our community.

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JANUARY 2025**

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00

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