

August 2024

# GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone



Spirit Alive is hosting a picnic for their congregation on September 8th from noon—3:00 pm Wesley members are invited to participate also.

Save this date to join in and meet our Spirit Alive friends.

**Sunday, September 8, from noon—3 pm.**

There are sign up sheets on the Bagz boards in the Narthex If you are interested in helping out or you would like to bring a picnic goody.



## Unexpected Gifts

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

We all went through challenging times due to COVID-19. It is true that we are still feeling its effects. Sometimes, reflecting on the unexpected gifts that these tough situations bring us can be helpful. I have been thinking about the most unexpected gift God has given me during this time.

As you know, Lancaster UMC is my first appointment in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. As soon as we moved there, my family and I quarantined for two weeks to ensure the safety and comfort of the congregation.

In normal circumstances, the first two to three months are crucial for a new pastor to get to know the people. However, everything changed due to COVID-19. I regret not having had the opportunity to meet each of you individually. Perhaps the church leaders felt the same way as I did. It was awkward to welcome a new pastor under such circumstances.

As it turned out, although I couldn't visit any of them (although, if any of them need me, I am always there), I did visit their homes in a way. Some church members came by with vegetables they had grown and harvested themselves. They warmly welcomed me and my family. I felt they were doing it on behalf of all of them, and I could sense the support and efforts of their leadership in trying to bridge the gap.

Every day, one or two people, sometimes even three, came to welcome us in the early days of our move. It felt like I had come to minister to them, but I was the one being taken care of by them first. It was not bad at all. In fact, it was wonderful! It was an unexpected gift from God during the pandemic era.

Yes. I was then appointed to Wesley UMC by the Bishop of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

I am so blessed to have you as my great company for our faith journey. Meeting you all here, especially the very active and supportive leaders, and being welcomed as your pastor by all of you is a tremendous gift.

These days, I am contemplating how I can repay you through our ministry together. I feel I am growing to love my congregation and our community more with God's love. So, I started visiting our church members. I'd like to hear from you our church history, legacy, your joy and concerns,

What unexpected gift have you received? I hope you take a moment to reflect on it. There must be something. May God's grace bring special love to you and your families.

Blessings,  
Pastor David

If you would like to schedule a visit from Pastor David, please contact  
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*Friendship doubles our joys  
and divides our sorrows.*

*Kathy's Korner*

## *Wesley Yarners*

If you know how to knit or crochet or would like to learn and join us in some great fellowship, please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

We would love for you to join us.



We work on many different projects to help others, for example; prayer shawls, hats and mittens for those in need, premie hats for the hospitals, knitted knockers for those who have had mastectomies, and pocket hugs. Those are just a few items we have knitted in the past. If you would like to come to the yarners group but work in the daytime and would like to do an evening time, please contact Kathy Mulroy and we can look at adding an evening session also.

Wesley Yarners will be meeting on  
August 1 at 10:00 am  
and  
August 8 at 10:00 am

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CURTIS STRANGE

On August 4 we will be starting our annual school supply drive for Curtis Strange. Please bring any new school supplies to the church and place them in the marked bucket. They will be distributed to the school to give to those children in need who do not have the money to purchase the school supplies required for the school year.



The list for supplies is online at:

<https://www.kusd.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/supply-list.pdf>

**Please remember your donations are greatly appreciated.**

You may drop off your items on Sunday morning or  
Monday-Friday 8:00-noon during office hours.

## Melodies of Compassion

Melodies of Compassion is a collection of all the loose change in the offering plate, with that collection we use it for outreach missions. The Outreach Team decides at the end of each year, the next years Melodies of Compassion recipient. We pick one local, one state, one national and one international mission to donate our change to. If you would like to donate to melodies but want to give more than loose change, you can use a pew envelope and write on the envelope "Melodies of Compassion" and that money will also go to the quarterly mission project.



### Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Melody of Compassion is Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a volunteer-only organization. The Kenosha/Racine chapter started delivering beds in 2018. The national organization has 270 chapters working throughout the US and Canada.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace had its start like many other charities, in a garage. It was Christmas time; a time of joy and happiness, a time of giving and love, but also a time of bitter, cold weather, and snowstorms. A project that started with the building of one bed for a single family developed into something a whole lot more. With wood left over from the first bunk, another idea was created. "Who else could benefit from this bunk"?

Sleep in Heavenly Peace donates beds to children through age 17 and the children who receive them are from needy families or ones who have experienced disasters like wildfires, hurricanes and tornados. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks and even children can help build the beds; so all skill levels are welcome to help.

Wesley is going to participate in a bed delivery day on *August 10<sup>th</sup>* from 9am -1:45 pm. If you would like to join us in this worthy cause please let Kathy Mulroy or Michelle Christensen know so we can put you on the volunteer reservation list.

# AUGUST

- 2 Colton White
- 5 Estellia Barrientos
- 7 Evette Wint
- 22 Bob Dorsey

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# SEPTEMBER

- 2 Lana Frank-Krause
- 3 Heather Briscoe
- 3 Tom Shaughnessy
- 5 Leila Valentine
- 7 Ashley Daniel
- 12 Sandy Clausen
- 12 Crystal Tuchalski
- 19 Luanne Lindow
- 27 Janice Mowry
- 29 Cyndi Wolf

*Happy 62nd Anniversary on  
Sept. 9th to  
Lennie & Alice Hill*



# August

## Counter Schedule

- 4 Jean Thompson, Cyndi Wolf
- 11 Kris Trumbo, Bob Dorsey
- 18 Patti Sloca, Arnold Parise
- 25 Kris Trumbo, Bob Dorsey

The next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, August 4 after the Service.



The next Outreach Meeting will be  
Wednesday, August 1 at 6:00 pm



*Happy 32nd Anniversary on  
Sept. 19th to  
Alan & Kathy Mulroy*

## Visiting with the Pastor

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Betty Raddatz



Ellen Shumate



Arlene Maxwell



Janet Truax

Betty Wolf



Annamae Shaughnessy

If you would like to visit with Pastor David, you only need to let him know. If you would like him to bring communion to you, please let him know when you set up your visit time.

Please plan your visit to be Monday thru Thursday between 8:30 and noon.

Pastor David's phone number is 253.335.7480

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*The People of the United Methodist  
Church*

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## **COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

Sunday Worship: 9:00

Livestream 9:00 also available anytime

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