

Wesley United Methodist Church
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**Love God
Welcome All
Serve Everyone**

**The People of the
United Methodist Church
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GoodNews

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Saturday Academy

Wesley has had a community partnership with Curtis Strange School for over 10 years. The students of Curtis Strange are children who live in the neighborhood surrounding our church building. We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help our neighborhood children; our future leaders.

Every Spring and nearly every Fall we host Saturday Academy. Students sign up through the school and the school will supply teachers to help with an enrichment curriculum that usually consists of writing, math, and science skills; through stories and/ crafts or steam activities. In the past we have taught knot tying, knitting, crochet, woodworking, making change without a calculator, sewing and first aid, to name a few. The students also receive breakfast and lunch while they are with us, as over 80% of the students are in poverty and they all receive breakfast and lunch at the school. Many children who have attended past Academies have improved their grade level in many different subjects, some by as many as 2 grades; such as from a D to a B or a C to an A. With many of our life skills, we have had many children over the years learn new skills that they continued doing even after moving on to middle school. The children who attend Saturday Academy are children from Kindergarten thru 5th grade.

Saturday Academy will be held in March this year.

Saturday Academy will be held on March 8, 15, 22 and 29th. I am looking for volunteers to help from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. If you can help out only 1 day or all 4, you will be of great assistance.

We need people to help with making breakfast and lunch for students, adults to help with life skills, and volunteers to be an extra set of hands for KUSD teachers who will be working with enrichment for the students. If you can assist with Saturday Academy, please let Kathy Mulroy know either email at amulroy@wi.rr.com or call at 262-496-4588.

Greetings from the Pastor

In the cold winter of Wisconsin, I have been reflecting more deeply on the beauty of living as a community, as described in Psalm 133. Despite the chilly and quiet weather, it brings me great joy to see your warm faces, and I am reminded of the unity and togetherness that we share in Christ. As those who have experienced God's love, we are called to care for and understand one another, and in doing so, build a community of deep connection and harmony.

Last week, I took a break and traveled to Seattle, where I met with pastors and elders whom I have worked closely with during my ministry. Since we know each other well, it was such a heartwarming time of mutual respect and understanding. This experience reminded me again of the beauty of Psalm 133, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." Living in God's love and respecting one another truly is a beautiful thing.

One of the central focuses of my ministry is that, as people who have experienced God's love, we should show care, understanding, and respect for our family, church members, and neighbors. We must first understand God's love ourselves, and then, based on that love, we can better understand and respect others. This is the way we build true unity within the community.

Starting from the last week of January until early May, I will be participating in the CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program. Through this program, I hope to gain a better understanding of the needs of not only our elderly congregation members but also many others in the broader community, so that I can care for them more effectively. I would be grateful for your prayers as I take this step.

On February 16th at 5 PM, we will be having a special Family Game Night, where we plan to play "Yutnori", a traditional Korean game. Yutnori is played with four wooden sticks, called "yut," which are thrown to determine the movement of game pieces on the board. I hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for you to learn and enjoy about Korean culture and food and for all of us to connect with each other more deeply.

Above all, I still want to stay connected with each of you, meet one-on-one, and have meaningful conversations. I pray that you stay warm, healthy, and full of God's grace this winter.

With love and prayers,

Pastor David

The Church has several missions that need our support. The Bolivia and Wisconsin conferences are working to help church members to help themselves. Many women there support themselves, their families, and their churches by sewing. This makes providing sewing machines a critical need. In the current situation: they only have one machine that has to accommodate 30 ladies, which limits how much they can earn for these purposes.

Local churches in the Bolivian Evangelical Methodist Church are facing difficult times due to the pandemic, post-pandemic effects, inflation, and rural needs. The Wisconsin-Bolivian partnership is attempting to match local churches in the WI Conference with churches in Bolivia for one to two years. In Bolivia, there are eight 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 UM & Global: Bolivia and the Challenges of Church Financing](#); [Bolivia Private Schools. Education in Bolivia. Bolivia Education System. Interna](#)

← FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SHALOM CENTER FOOD PANTRY → Counter Schedule

Arnold Parise delivered 15 lbs. of food to the Shalom Food Pantry for January.

Thank you for your donations. We continue to collect non-perishable items. You may drop them off anytime the office is open:

Monday—Friday 8—noon
or on any Sunday. Thank you!



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| Feb. 2 | Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca |
| 9 | Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey |
| 16 | Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf |
| 23 | Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca |

Melodies of Compassion

Our Melodies of Compassion is a mission that our outreach committee discusses and decides who to support every year. We pick 4 a year, so 1 a quarter. We choose a local, state, national and international organization. All loose change that is put in our offering plates on Sundays goes to this mission. If you would like to support the mission but don't have or want to put change in the collection plate you can also use a pew envelope in the offering plate but mark it *Melodies* with your name to assure the offering will go to our Melodies of Compassion.

Methodism in much of South America was heavily influenced by William Taylor, a Methodist missionary, and later, bishop. Taylor was a strong proponent of self-supporting mission. That is, he wanted mission to be primarily funded by local sources, not by donations from the United States. In South America, the main source for local funds to support Taylor missions was operating schools. Taylor missionaries made running schools (especially English-language schools) a primary focus of their work.

When leadership of Methodism in South America passed from missionary to local hands, these schools continued and continue to be an important part of South American Methodism, both as a source of revenue and as a marker of identity. Thus, Bolivian Methodism's reliance on income from its school system has deep historic roots. There have been real advantages historically to this system of church financing. It has made churches, even those serving poorer groups, less financially dependent on the United States, which has meant more freedom to make decisions locally.

But every strategy has its limitations, and the pandemic exposed the limitations of this strategy for church financing. During the COVID shutdown, income for Methodist schools in Bolivia fell sharply, which means that money to support the church in Bolivia dried up as well. That put a pinch on both the schools and the church. Running schools has had real advantages for Methodism in Latin America, but COVID changed that, possibly forever. This calls for a rethinking of financial models, as Bolivia is doing.

The Wisconsin Conference's partnership with the Bolivian church is a great example of this rethinking. By lending a hand at this critical time, Wesley can help the church in Bolivia to help itself, and to adapt to the changing environment post-COVID.



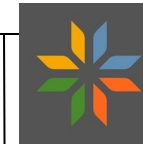
Ryker Huff
Marna Frank
Bob Mulroy
Arlene Maxwell
Virginia Roders
Ellen Shumate
Ruth Callan

Melodies of Compassion for the 1st quarter will go to Evangelical Methodist Church In Bolivia. Read more about this quarters recipient on pages 6 and 7.



- 1 Ava Hansen—18!
- 6 Janie Khoury
- 10 Charli Valentine
- 11 Virginia Westman
- 13 Candice Briscoe
- 14 Felicia Gaines
- 18 Martha Mock
- 22 Ellen Shuemate
- 23 Brandon Trumbo
- 24 Ri Witer
- 26 Carina Kinczkowski

Happy Anniversary on the
19th to Felicia & Carlton Gaines! 15 years
and
Chuck & Jean Otto!
65 years on the 22nd!!!



United
Women
in Faith

UWF **Elizabeth** Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 4th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us and see what's happening with United Women In Faith!

UWF **Deborah** Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm



- 7 Kris Trumbo
- 8 Elise Hansen
- 11 Richard Boris
- 11 Lennie Hill
- 17 Ruth Callan
- 19 James Mulroy
- 24 Gary Dreyer
- 24 Karen Lindsey
- 26 Arlene Maxwell
- 26 Eleda Winther
- 28 Alan Mulroy
- 28 Kelli Prim

Kathy's Kormer

WESLEY YARNERS



Do you want to lower your blood pressure? End mindless eating to help lose weight? Want to improve your memory? Do you want to keep your fingers nimble and your mind sharp? Yes?! Then join us for Wesley Yarners. These are just some of the benefits that are scientifically proven to happen when you knit or crochet. Another benefit will be to make meaningful relationships with other people as we share fellowship while working with yarn. If you do not know how, we have members willing to teach newcomers and we have supplies to start learning this craft.

The yarners will meet on **Feb 6 at 10:00 am**

and **Feb. 13 at 10:00 am**

Hope to see you there!

Pledge cards

If you have not already filled out a pledge card for this year, please fill one out and return it to Kathy Mulroy. Kathy is our financial secretary, and she maintains the records of the giving. Kathy also provides quarterly statements for everyone who gives to the church. We are asking everyone to fill out the pledge card, so we know the expected offerings for the budget this year. Please help us to create a more accurate picture of the financial support for the year. All these records are confidential.

Thank you for your support of Wesley.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or anyone you know is in need of a prayer shawl, please let Kathy know so we can get them a prayer shawl so they can feel the comfort of God and those of the congregation and feel the love and prayers surround them in their time of need.

Please contact Kathy Mulroy at 262-942-1744 or amulroy@wi.rr.com to get a prayer shawl.

Nurture Team

Calling all those interested in joining the **Nurture Team**.

What will we be doing in 2025?.... Glad you asked:

1. Discussing a youth retreat
2. Creating fun ideas and activities for kids after church (i.e. soccer, ping pong etc.)
3. Discuss home coming Sunday in the fall
4. Schedule and plan a church picnic
5. Celebrate milestone birthdays

Please email or call Michelle if you are interested in joining this caring committee. mchristensen1456@gmail.com or 262-327-6336.



Wesley Day at the
Soup Kitchen for March is
Saturday, March 1



There are plenty of openings to fill for next month. Please either use the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board or you can contact Kris Trumbo at trumbkl@sbcglobal.net to let her know you will be there, or if you have any questions.

Melodies of Compassion

Learn more about the partnership the Wisconsin UM Conference has with the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia.

Read about the sewing machine issue that hampers the UWF. See how our own Pastor Anita Lang is involved.

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/bolivia-partnership>

“With a small donation, we can transform the lives of our neighbors near and far.” Rev. Anita Lang