

May 2024

GoodNews

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GRACE NOTE

Transitions

April showers bring May flowers. True enough, it's been raining as we go into the month of May, transitioning into summer. Speaking of transitions, Wesley is getting a new pastor and I'm excited for you. I have been appointed to serve First United Methodist Church of West Allis. Due to Chris' work, we are staying in Kenosha and I will be commuting to West Allis.

As I write this, I'm in Charlotte, North Carolina for the postponed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. I was elected a provisional reserve delegate in the last Wisconsin Annual Conference. Last week, the body voted on approving the elected delegates to official reserve delegates. Today (Monday, April 29), I had my badge changed to one that recognizes me as a Reserve Delegate in addition to my volunteer role as a page for the conference. I will be going to the North Central Jurisdiction Conference in July at Sioux Falls, SD.

The General Conference voted to approve Regionalization for the UMC structure. What that means is conferences in Africa, Europe, Philippines, and the United States will be on the same level—the US now being a region instead of encompassing the whole denomination. This move is to hopefully make the structure equitable and working towards decolonizing the institution. This is momentous as this places all members of the global church on the same level without giving preference to the US churches. This move decentralizes power and hopefully gives authority and actions based on the contexts of the people in the specific region.

In the midst of this General Conference, I flew to Oakland, California (April 24-28) to attend a world conference put on by the Othering and Belonging Institute from the University of California, Berkeley. I was attending as part of the Gamaliel Race and Power Institute where I'm going to give trainings on Intercultural Communication/Diversity and Inclusion.

Both events (the General Conference and the California conference) have opened new ways of being present in the world—a world where we as a church and a society can have the exciting potential to be beacons of inclusion, honoring differences, and finding ways to celebrate our unique gifts and views to bridge and build spaces of belonging.

It is a new day in many ways. And as change happens, I hope there is grace and gratitude for all that has been given and lived, and an exciting anticipation for all things new.

Pastor Grace



Prayer Requests

Virginia Rodgers
Ellen Shuemate

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.

*Melodies of Compassion
(loose change offering) to
NAMI.*



Monday, May 27 is the day
Memorial Day will be
observed this year.
The office will be closed.

Please read the article on
pages 8 and 9 to learn about
items you can donate to a very
worthy cause.

Counters



- May 5 Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca
- May 12 Bob Dorsey, Kris Trumbo
- May 19 Jean Thompson, Lana Frank-
 Krause
- May 26 Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca



Kathy's Korner

Wesley Yarners

Wesley Yarners will be meeting on:

May 2 at 10:00 am

May 9 at 10:00 am

If there is more interest in people for yarning but cannot make in the mornings, we will gladly add evening times and days if we have the interest. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to participate, we have people willing to teach you and we do have supplies for beginners so it would be a no cost start to learn how. Why not try a new skill and keep the learning going and keep your mind engaged? We would love to have you join us.



Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are here for anyone who is in need or knows of someone in need of the hug of God around their shoulders during times of trials that God sends your way, and to know you are thought of, cared for, and prayed for by members of Wesley. Please let Kathy Mulroy know you would like one and we will deliver it to you or the person who needs one.

Happy Birthday

MAY

- 1 Carlton Gaines
- 2 Charlene Nelson
- 8 Sandi Daugherty
- 11 Cindy Escue
- 14 Jill Misurelli
- 17 Moises Guerrero II
- 23 Bob Petersen
- 28 Pastor Grace
- 29 John Sloca
- 29 Nancy Barthuly
- 31 Atha Atkinson
- 31 Joe Briscoe



JUNE

Happy Birthday

- 3 Margaret Christian
- 10 John Khoury
- 11 Virginia Rodgers
- 15 Alice Hill
- 19 Kelly Euler
- 20 Isaiah Frieri
- 21 Marna Frank
- 25 Elise Valentine
- 30 Janet Truax

Happy Anniversary

Happy 25th Anniversary on June 6 to
Tom Shaughnessy & Bill Peche!!
Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary on June 8 to
John & Patti Sloca!!
Congratulations!

Happy 54th Anniversary on June 27
to
Terry & Chuck Miller !!
Congratula-



Feed My Starving Children Event

We are at our Feed My Starving Children Event. I have reserved 30 spots for Saturday May 4th from 9:00am-10:45am. We will plan on meeting in the church parking lot and leaving at 8:00am. We can Caravan down there as we have in the past. There are a variety of jobs available. Some of those jobs include packing, sitting and applying labels, or lifting boxes into the warehouse.

If you would like to meet there directly, that is fine. The address of the facility is 742 East Park Ave Libertyville, IL 60048. We usually arrive back at church around 11:45 and more than likely we will have pizza, breadsticks and soda following the event.

Please review the volunteer guidelines:

Volunteering policies

Thank you for considering volunteering with FMSC! Below we've listed a couple important details that are good to know when preparing to pack meals at any Feed My Starving Children site or MobilePack™ event.

Volunteer age requirements

Please follow this student-to-adult ratio when registering to volunteer:

- For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 are not allowed in our packing area (sorry, no exceptions)

Sickness

To ensure the safety of our volunteers, staff and the food we pack, please do not come to our facility to volunteer if you have new or unexplained symptoms indicative of contagious illness or food-borne diseases (excluding conditions related to seasonal allergies or known non-contagious medical conditions):

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Jewelry policy

To comply with FDA requirements and remove all opportunity for foreign objects to fall into our life-saving meals (which could cause choking, tooth breakage and more), FMSC volunteers must remove all jewelry and/or accessories before packing.

- No jewelry is permitted in the packing room, labeling areas, Warehouse Crew area or when inspecting raw ingredients.
- Prohibited jewelry includes earrings, watches, rings, necklaces, pins, brooches, etc.
- Wedding bands are permitted. However, if your band has a stone, you will be required to wear a glove.
- Facial piercings, gauges and new earrings that lock in the back are permitted (please inform a staff member).
- Medical alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn.



Melodies of Compassion

2nd Quarter Recipient is NAMI

May is Mental Health Awareness month, throughout the month NAMI actively participates in this national movement which was started in 1949. This time is dedicated to eradicating stigma, extending support and fostering public education and advocating policies that prioritize the well-being of families affected by mental illness.

Nami has a helpline that is a free national peer support service providing information, resource referrals, and support for people living with mental health conditions, their family members, caregivers, mental health providers, and the public. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or text "Helpline" to 62640. The NAMI teen and young adult helpline offers a direct connection to another young person who shares similar experiences and is prepared to offer information and resources. 1-800-950-6264 or text "friend" to 62640.

1 in 5 adults experience mental illness each year and only ½ receive treatment.

1 in 20 adults experience a serious mental illness each year and only 2/3 receive treatment.

The average delay between onset of mental illness symptoms and treatment is 11 years.

7 in 10 Americans (72%) agree that people with mental health conditions face discrimination in their everyday lives.

Only half (53%) say they are familiar with the U.S. mental care system.

There is a free seminar for family and friends of persons with mental illness that will give tips and resources to help them. They are available both virtually and in-person this month.

The contact information for more information about the seminars is Denise Fischer 262-409-2743 email dfischer@namisoutheastwi.org

If you are having a mental health crisis or need help, please call **988** to speak with a trained counselor 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

This information was obtained through the NAMI website.



MIDWEST MISSION

We are a logistical conduit for Christ's ministry. We receive a request from trusted nonprofits, then prepare items we have and ask our supporters for items we need. Volunteers process, revitalize, and assemble the donated items. Then, donations are shipped to our trusted partners to distribute to those in crisis.

Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief.

The conference Mission Motivation Committee is working with Midwest Mission Distribution Center to collect items for **Personal Dignity Kits** and **Home Care Kits**. Midwest Mission distributes these items locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion. Although we are focusing on these two kits, we appreciate any items found at midwestmission.org. All items should be NEW – and all kits should have only the items requested.

Urgent needs include the following:

- Shampoo (in bulk), 12-19 oz.
- 100-150 oz. EMPTY liquid laundry detergent containers. We can use containers of any size up to 150 oz. (we are collecting full or empty liquid laundry detergent containers)
- Sewing machines, electric and treadles (they don't have to be new; we *accept sewing machines that need a little tuning up; we cannot accept the computerized ones.*)
- Medical equipment -folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walking boots, slings
- Blankets- new or gently used for disaster response
- Non electric tools specifically shovels, brooms, rakes

Monetary donations can also be made. Bring a check to Annual Conference or send it to: Wisconsin Conference, 750 Windsor Street, Suite 104, Sun Prairie, WI 53950 Please write check to: Wisconsin Conference, put Ingathering in the memo.

LAYETTE KIT

All Items must be 0-6 months 6 Cloth diapers * 2 Gowns* or sleepers 2 Onesies or under-shirts 2 Infant washcloths - no adult washcloths 6 Diaper pins - must have protective plastic closures 1 Sweater* or jacket with front opening - no ties 2 Receiving blankets - 28"x 28" to 32"x 32" - no fleece or thermal blankets. Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins. \$2 donation for diaper cream, per kit.

Home Care Kit

- Liquid Household Cleaners - 58 - 80 oz. total No spray bottles
- Dish Soaps - 42 - 64 oz total
- Liquid Laundry Detergents - 100 - 150 oz total
- 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid.



All items must be NEW & Placed in the bucket.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3 - 4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12 - 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag—
- \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste (DO NOT INCLUDE DONATION IN BAG) Give donation to volunteers or mail to Wisconsin Annual Conference



BED PACK

1 Twin-size fitted sheet 1 Twin-size flat sheet 1 Pillow case 1 Bed pillow Place all items in an unscented trash bag

Celebrating Pastor Grace

Pastor Grace will be moving on to her next chapter at the end of June. We have been so blessed to have her energy and charisma at Wesley. Her talents are many and delivering meaningful messages week after week provided encouragement. In addition, Wesley has been blessed with her amazing skill set as a musician. Our annual Christmas concert, is now a part of Kenosha and something everyone in the community looks forward to. Her dedication to social justice issues is admired and makes a difference in the world today. She will not tolerate injustice and when Martin Luther King said, "injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere," Grace embodies that. During her time with Wesley, we have become a reconciling congregation. Through hardship and uncertainty she navigated us through Covid. I can't speak for her, but I can echo some of her comments, and one of the biggest challenges besides, "how do we do church going forward," was "how do we emotionally deal with the loss of members". Most of those lost, weren't due to Covid, but that doesn't make the loss any easier. We lost, mothers, fathers, spouses, brothers, sisters and children. That is not an easy recovery, it takes time and patience to rebuild. We will all truly miss her! We look forward to celebrating her and her time at Wesley with the best way Methodists celebrate....with cake of course!

Not only will we feel the void with Pastor Grace, her husband Chris played a vital role at Wesley. He handled our IT and navigated us through Covid by arranging live streaming. Live streaming allowed those that couldn't attend worship to still pray and feel connected. Any time there was a computer, IT or just a general electronic question, Chris was there. He has been that steady presence that supported Grace and Wesley with anything needed.

Grace would not like a big celebration, her preference is to have cake following the May 19th service. Following service, we will head downstairs and share our appreciation for her dedication to the congregation and community. In lieu of gifts, she asks that any monetary donations be made to the United Women of Faith.

Sincerely,

Michelle Christensen





United Women In Faith (UWF) will be collecting OLD USED CLEAN SOCKS to support a project to raise funds for the Northcott Neighborhood House. We will be participating in a joint project with other UWF groups, within the State, to support this effort. It is sponsored by Gildan, makers of Goldtoe socks working with TerraCycle. There are two positive outcomes for doing this project. We can earn funds for Northcott Neighborhood House, and it will keep hundreds of pounds of old used socks out of the landfills!

Northcott Neighborhood House is one of the Wisconsin Conference's Health and Welfare Ministries that support families, youth and individuals in the Milwaukee area. Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee came into being in 1961. It was the result of Methodist women in the Milwaukee area who helped to take the census and realized that there were thousands of impoverished in their assigned area. Joined by the Board of Global Ministries, they established this neighborhood center. UWF has been a staunch supporter of this Ministry since the beginning. This endeavor will help to raise funds to continue this support.

A wicker laundry basket will be in the narthex for collection. **We do ask that the socks be clean, and no pantyhose or tights, otherwise all types are accepted, colored, white, single sock, may have a hole. These socks will be recycled into other items.**

Thank you in advance for your support in this project, sponsored by United Women In Faith.

If you have any questions, you can contact: Terry Miller, 262-654-5235 or Cyndi Wolf 785-764-1474

Elizabeth Circle along with Deborah Circle (UWF) will be meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 9:30a.m. at the Shalom Center on 39th Ave and not at the Church this month.

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**The People of the United
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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00
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