



# *JOY Newsletter*

May 2023

United Methodist Church  
of Whitefish Bay

## **May, A Month of Celebration at UMCWFB**

Many of our church are taking a breath from April's extraordinary drama of Holy Week, Easter, and the house-filling children's musical of Noah's Ark, and we may think it is time to rest. Not this month. Our prayers for our people, for the world and for our church continue, and our celebrations for the church, for our families, for our children and youth, and for our nation are all highlighted in May.

**May 7:** Consecration Sunday. You have received a letter requesting an indication of the level of financial support you can commit to in the year beginning July 1. The energy among our people is high, our vision and expectation for this church to grow in discipleship of love, care and service is great. To make this happen, we need everyone to increase their giving from last year, by even 1% and to offer that to Christ and His church in 10:30 worship (5:00 on Saturday) on this annual Consecration Sunday.

**May 14:** Mother's Day. More than most churches, UMCWFB is a family church. Noah's Ark was a true indication of the way this church serves and engages the families of our community. A new Esther Circle of young mothers was launched this year. Our mid-week meal, fellowship, study and choir event was a success this year because of our outreach to families and our Foundation's support of children's meals. We have a lot to celebrate on Mother's Day. Not the least of this will be 5 baptisms of children and youth scheduled for the 10:30 service.

**May 15:** Annual Church Conference. Monday evening at 7, we will hold our annual church meeting when we celebrate the ministry done and plan the ministry ahead. All members are invited to attend and vote on the leadership for the coming year.

**May 21:** Confirmation Sunday. Our youth have been preparing for membership in our church for the last year with the guidance of Pastor Andrew Jones, Lori Aeschbacher, Tony Mortellaro and Kristal Melbye. They are creating liturgical pieces and will lead portions of this service. We will welcome these eight new members. Our ministry leaders may get ideas about who to engage in their teams.

**May 28:** Memorial Day Weekend. Some people give their lives for their families, some for the church of Jesus Christ, some for an organization. Today we celebrate those who have given their lives in service to the nation. I was with colleagues from rural India who rode through New York City for the first time and commented that God has blessed the U.S. Yes, God has, and so have those who have given their lives in its service.

I invite you to join your church of faithful individuals and families in worship, care and service this month. Your church needs you to support and celebrate its presence and ministry in this important North Shore community on behalf of the metro, the nation and the world. Let me know how we can pray for you.

Pastor Don Francis

LOVE GOD, CARE FOR EACH OTHER, AND SERVE IN THE WORLD

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## Saturday Night Worship Trivia - Do you know all the answers?

1. Where does Saturday worship meet? ..... in the Sanctuary
2. What time? .....5:00
3. Who preaches? ..... the same as Sunday morning
4. Who leads the music ..... Sue Stanley (and others)
5. How many people attend? ..... usually 15-25 people
6. Kid friendly? ..... You Bet!
7. True or False:  
Prayer requests are verbalized and use prayer cards..... True  
The service usually lasts 45-50 minutes.....True  
Every other month, we have an informal dinner together after worship.....True\*
8. Who plays the organ at least once a month for the service?.. former organist, Larry Rooou
9. Are the screens used?.... not usually, but the bulletin is BIG!
10. Will you sing my favorite church song?.....Yes! Tell us what it is!

Hope to see you this summer. Come as you are!!

\*we can't wait to have a Saturday evening picnic/cookout!

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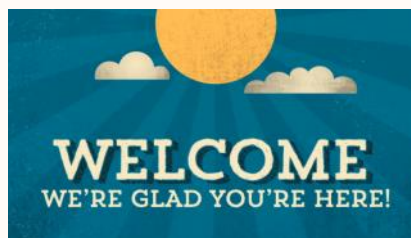
## Noah and his ark came to the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay on April 22 and 23. Bursts of Joy every minute. So much fun!

The children shined in their retelling of this important story about God's promises. Kudos to Jon and Karin Welstead for sharing their wonderful artistic and technological gifts. Many thanks to directors Jenny Fisher, Chelsea Montague, Matt Annin, Tabettha Steege, Jodi Belke, Nina Milia, and Dan Montague for keeping us afloat.

Loving. Patient. Creative. Kind. Talented.  
Hardworking. Committed.

These adult mentors are the ultimate dream team.





## New Member Class

Join us **Sunday, June 4** in the Walnut Room following the 10:30 a.m. service. Questions please contact Pat Wisialowski, [pwisialowski@umcwfm.org](mailto:pwisialowski@umcwfm.org), 414-964-2424, ext. 224.



Pat Wisialowski hosted a brunch for our recently welcomed new members on Saturday, April 29. Tim Tharp & Karen Andeen and their three children, Hui & Kristin Zhang and their 3 children, Liz Casciato, Jill Dittrich, Ann Pier, Judy Pier Lybeck, Jason Janczak, Mary Lynn Scheuber, and Nancy Lizdas were all in attendance.

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## Happy 100th Birthday to June Berry! Her birthday was April 26th.

If you wish to send her a card,  
Her address is 133 W Mount Royal Rd Glendale 53217



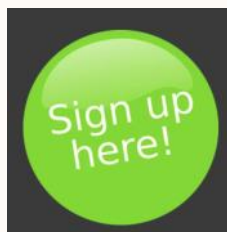
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## All are invited to participate in our great Hospitality ministry!

Greeters, Ushers, and Coffee Servers  
are needed for our 9 and 10:30 services each Sunday!

*We are especially in need of Greeters!*

Please come and share your friendly smile with everyone!



[CLICK HERE to pick your date and time,](#)  
or use the link: [bit.ly/SundayServers](http://bit.ly/SundayServers).

Contact Pat Wisialowski with any questions at  
[pwisialowski@umcwfb.org](mailto:pwisialowski@umcwfb.org), 414-964-2424, ext. 224.



## Restorative Justice Series - Second Speaker on May 9

Our church will be hosting the second talk in our two-part Restorative Justice presentation on **Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. *(See flyer below).*

Restorative justice is a holistic form of criminal justice which focuses on accountability, rehabilitation, and reentry into society by the offender and healing for the victim or survivor and the community, rather than solely on punishment and retribution. This approach has been effective in reducing crime in other countries and is gaining popularity in the US as an alternative for certain crimes and offenders.

Our two keynote speakers are Chief Judge Mary Triggiano, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County and, **on May 9**, Janine Geske, current Director of the Andrew Center, distinguished professor of law at Marquette University Law School and former justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

We encourage all to attend this enlightening series and to bring a friend.

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERIES

**Tuesday, April 25 and May 9 at 6:30 p.m.**


United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay  
819 E. Silver Spring Drive      Register at: [bit.ly/RJSeries23](http://bit.ly/RJSeries23)

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**May 9 – Restorative Justice – Healing the Survivor and Community  
with Janine Geske**

*Director of the Andrew Center of Restorative Justice and  
Distinguished Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School*

**Janine Geske will discuss how  
restorative justice can bring  
healing to victims and survivors  
and repair relationships and  
communities impacted by a crime**



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## Join us for a Spring Clean-up!

**Saturday, May 6th 9:00-noon**

Join us on the front lawn to spruce  
up the church grounds for  
Mother's Day!



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[bgroble@gmail.com](mailto:bgroble@gmail.com)

Contact Beth Groble to lend a hand or green thumb at [bgroble@gmail.com](mailto:bgroble@gmail.com).

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## Blood Drive - Thursday, May 4, from 2 - 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets, or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation—there is no such thing as artificial blood.

**Please consider donating on May 4 if you are able.** It only takes about an hour. You can make an appointment on Sunday after services at the table in the Narthex. **Or call or text Jim Schacht any time before the blood drive at 414-332-2834. Or sign up online at [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org).**

New donors are always welcome! If you've never donated before and want to talk about possibly donating, please see Jim in the Narthex or give him a call.

## Meal Programs Serve the Poor and Homeless of Milwaukee

The designated Mission of the Month for May is our church's meal programs. What better way for our church to respond to Jesus's message in Mathew 25 verse 35 where he says "for I was hungry and you fed me and I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. The "I" in his quote referred to our less fortunate brethren living amongst us. Our church volunteers at 5 different meal programs in the area. All cooking is done in our church kitchen, and all serving is done on site.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, we serve the meal at **St. Ben's** church on 9<sup>th</sup> and State St. St. Ben's feeds around 150 people each night. Jim Schacht is leading this program. He can be reached at [jamesschacht@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesschacht@hotmail.com).



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, we cook and serve the meal at the **Guest House** on 13<sup>th</sup> and Juneau Ave. We serve about 65 meals each night. Tom Van Cleave is leading this program. He can be reached at [tvanceleave@ameritech.net](mailto:tvanceleave@ameritech.net).

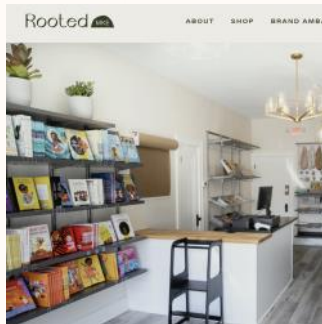
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, we cook and serve two meal programs. We feed about 100 meals at **MacCanon Brown's Homeless Sanctuary** at 18<sup>th</sup> and Locust St. John Frunceck is leading this program. He can be reached at [jfrunceck@gmail.com](mailto:jfrunceck@gmail.com). On the same night we feed about 100 people at the **St. Vincent's** program on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Clarke St. Terri McClellan is leading this program. She can be reached at [tсмcclellan@gmail.com](mailto:tсмcclellan@gmail.com).

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, from January through October, we serve the meal at the **Milwaukee Rescue Mission** on 19<sup>th</sup> and Kilbourn. There we serve about 150 meals to the residents of the Joy House and their Safe Harbor programs. Lori Aeschbacher is leading this program. She can be reached at [loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net).

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## Books for Marvin Pratt School & Explore Rooted MKE

There will be a box by the elevator and one in the narthex for new or gently used books, K-4 thru 5th grades, for Marvin Pratt students. We would like to give each student a book in May to take home for the summer. Please contact Loretto Steinmetz with any questions at [ldsteinmetz@wi.rr.com](mailto:ldsteinmetz@wi.rr.com).



Jean Erickson is offering to go to Rooted MKE, at 5312 W. Vliet St., with or for anyone who would like to purchase new books. Rooted MKE is a children's book store with books where children of color may see themselves in the books and books are written by authors of color. Visit their website at <https://www.rootedmke.com/>.

If interested, please contact Jean at 414-962-8920 or [jeanerickson213@gmail.com](mailto:jeanerickson213@gmail.com).



## Help Us End Hunger!

Chronic hunger and food insecurity is a global problem with millions of people, especially children, struggling to find adequate nutritious food every single day.



As United Methodists we are called to care for the most vulnerable. Once again, the UMCWFB Church & Society team is partnering with Bread for the World to help address this urgent need. Bread for the World is a Christian organization that advocates to end hunger at home and abroad by urging our nation's leaders to direct money and resources where it is most needed.

The focus for this year's nationwide campaign is the Farm Bill and the goal is to have church members contact their members of Congress to support it. This bill is not only vitally important for our farmers, but no legislation has more impact on the US food systems and our ability to provide healthy food at affordable prices to everyone.

**As you leave the Sanctuary on June 4**, members of the Church & Society team will hand you everything you need to contact your legislators to encourage them to support the Farm Bill (including more information, sample letters and pre-addressed envelopes).



For those of you who will be away that Sunday, we encourage you to go to [bread.org/ol](http://bread.org/ol) (or scan the QR code) to learn about Bread for the World and how to contact your representatives in Washington by letter or email.

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## Register Now — Capuchin Walk for the Hungry



**The Capuchin Walk for the Hungry** is once again **returning to Polish Fest** down at the Summerfest grounds on **Friday, June 9 at 6 p.m.** Our church has joined as a team for the past few years and would like to do so again this year. The walk is 2 miles at a very leisurely pace. This is a great activity for families to participate in. The \$40 cost includes a Capuchin Walk T- shirt and free admittance to Polish Fest for that evening. This money will go towards St. Ben's meal program.

**To register**, [CLICK HERE \(p2p.onecause.com/capuchinwalk\)](http://p2p.onecause.com/capuchinwalk)

Hit "Register," then "Start or Find a Team." Enter "United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay" and fill in all the required information. **Use "Three Knots" for the discount code when registering before May 19.** This saves \$10 for each adult shirt (\$30) & \$5 for a child's shirt. Let's hope for great weather and a large participation for our group!

# Missions



## Thank You for your Mission Support

The Church and Mission Team are constantly receiving Thank You notes from our mission partners. The Mission of the Month organizations, the Christmas with a Conscience groups, and our meal programs all send their thanks. The hand made cards from the kids at Neighborhood House especially caught our attention. We supported them at Christmas with our Trees of Love campaign.

The Mission Team wishes to thank everyone for their generous support of our programs.

## Volunteer Opportunities for Missions

Two of our mission partners need help with gardening.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary will work on their garden every Saturday morning after Memorial Day weekend. Just show up and help with planting, weeding and/or harvesting. You do not even need to schedule ahead of time. Contact John Frunceck for more information at [jfrunceck@gmail.com](mailto:jfrunceck@gmail.com).



United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) also would like help with their community gardens. They prefer commitments of about 90 minutes per week.

UMCS is also looking for help unpacking food from the Hunger Task Force delivery. The delivery is Monday morning, and the pantry now operates on a grocery store model. The food pantry also needs volunteers Monday and Wednesday afternoons to staff the store. Contact Don Lybeck for details of the UMCS needs at [mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net).

All are invited to get involved with these missions that often allow the volunteers to build relationships with agency staff and the community residents receiving service.



## Lydia's Treasure for the Special Women in your Life

**Mother's Day is coming and Lydia's Treasure has just the things you need! Through May 14 all jewelry in stock is HALF PRICE.** Earrings, pierced and clip on, bracelets, rings, necklaces, pins – it's all half off. We have Mother's Day cards, gently read books, Thistle Farms and decadent chocolates. Let us help you pull together the perfect gift for mom. Lydia's Treasure has gift cards too!



# United Women in Faith

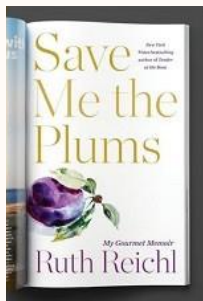
## Join us at the May 9 luncheon



We will be learning about the world of quilts at the UWF luncheon on **May 9**. Be ready for food AND friendship. Bring a pal and make some memories!

After a delicious lunch, UWF member Kathleen Smith will provide a brief history of the “Art of Quilting.” Then, join us to celebrate Claudia Circle and the circle’s long time quilters and their accomplishments. Several special quilts will be on display for all to admire. (There might even be a game to liven things up.)

The fun begins at **11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall, with lunch served at noon. Childcare is available from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., if requested in advance. **Reserve your place** by registering at **the office, or call** the office at 414-964-2424. See you there!



## Join Deborah Circle for a good read

*Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichel is the selection for **June 6**. At the meeting, the reading list for 2023-24 will be set and the upcoming year’s calendar will be discussed. Meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Contact Sally Jipson at [swjip@hotmail.com](mailto:swjip@hotmail.com) to join the group’s email list.

## It’s the best time of the year for Eve’s Garden Circle

Eve’s Garden Circle is a group of women who love to putter in the soil while sharing in the joys and concerns of each other’s lives. There’s lots to do in May, with clean-up, planting, and sowing to beautify the church gardens.

After their recent outing to Art In Bloom at the Milwaukee Art Museum, **Eve’s Garden Circle** will be back to toiling in the church gardens on **Tuesday, May 16, from 9 a.m.-noon**. Grab your gardening gloves and join us! Coffee and muffins provided.

ALL are welcome! Contact Eve’s Garden Chair, Beth Groble at [bgroble@gmail.com](mailto:bgroble@gmail.com) or Susan Stoehr at [sstoehr@gmail.com](mailto:sstoehr@gmail.com) to learn more.



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## Come and create beautiful quilts with Claudia Circle!

Claudia Circle was started nearly 40 years ago by long time church members Betty Stuckert, Joanne Sook and Gail Roeder Hinson. Since then, more than 637 quilts and 42 wheelchair bags have been lovingly sewn and donated.

Recipient organizations include Sojourner Family Peace Center, United Methodist Children's Service, Family House, Village at Manor Park, West Allis Care Center, Luther Manor, and Laurel Oaks.

The circle's goal is to bring warmth and comfort to anyone in times of need including our own church members. The group uses only donated fabric. "When we get low on fabric, it seems we miraculously receive a call to pick up someone's beautiful fabric," says member Elayne Waeltz.

The group meets monthly in members' homes on the **third Tuesday at 10 a.m.**, with four yearly workdays at church. "We bring sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, pins, needles, floss to tie quilts and batting, our 'big momma' iron and the beautiful big ironing board made by past church member Jack Weiland, PLUS lots of coffee, snacks and our sack lunches."

The task the group does best is socialize. "We laugh, share stories, exchange sewing tips and lovingly care for one another. There is a job for everyone, no matter your level of sewing expertise. We always welcome new members," says Elayne.

The circle also hosts the September United Women in Faith Salad Luncheon. Interested in joining or want more info? Contact Elayne Waeltz at [elaynewaeltz@mac.com](mailto:elaynewaeltz@mac.com) or Keralyn Bolliger at [kbolliger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbolliger@sbcglobal.net).





## United Women in Faith Reading Program Opportunity

Our church unit of UWF launched the Reading Program in February. There is still plenty of time to join the program and commit to reading 5 books this spring and summer. The basic plan involves reading one book in each of five categories and regular reading of the Response Magazine (publication of UWF).

### Book Categories

- 1) Education for Mission 2) Leadership Development
- 3) Nurturing for Community 4) Social Action 5) Spiritual Growth

The Wisconsin Southeast District of UWF has started a monthly virtual book club to encourage discussion among women from other churches in the district. **Dates and books for May, June, and July have been chosen. The sessions will be at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.**



<b>Tuesday, May 30</b>	<i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> by Angie Boulley (Nurturing for Community)
<b>Thursday, June 22</b>	<i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah (Social Action)
<b>Thursday, July 20</b>	<i>What is God Like?</i> (A children's book- Spiritual Growth)

Contact Gail Burgess at [hb53104@aol.com](mailto:hb53104@aol.com) to sign up and get the Zoom link.

The national UWF chooses new books each year, and books from the last five years are included in the program. **All the information is online at [uwfaith.org/read](http://uwfaith.org/read).**

**Or visit the church library** when the office is open (ask for the key) and look for the UWF shelf with a **binder of the reading lists**, some **books to borrow**, and **issues of the Response Magazine**. **Sign up for the program on the clipboard in the church library** and use the checklist to sign books in and out. Many books on the list are at the public library or available through local bookstores or online.

Completion forms are available in the binder and can be turned in to the Reading Program Secretary, Mary Mueller, **by August 31**. If you have questions, contact Mary at [mjmueller.uef@gmail.com](mailto:mjmueller.uef@gmail.com).

## Faith –Book Review

### *Through a Season of Grief: Devotions for your Journey From Mourning to Joy (242.4 Leo)*

Bill Dunn and Kathy Leonard

Grief is a difficult journey as anyone who has experienced it can tell you. This includes almost everyone. It is a ubiquitous experience and can arise from death, loss, and many other life events. All of us at one time or other have experienced loss and grief. *Through Seasons of Grief* is a twelve-part book. Each part is divided into devotional sections like Grief is a Unique Experience, Embrace the Grieving Process, God's Grace, and Look Beyond the Past. The book focuses on many faith based aspects of grieving and includes Bible verses as well as prayers and quotes from well known theologians that coincide with each aspect or stage of grief. It would make a wonderful gift and could also serve as a guide to groups seeking stimulating reading and discussion topics. Check it out soon. - Review by Elizabeth Harrison



# Music

## UMCWFB Youth Musicians Laurel Oaks

20 young musical missionaries took Noah's Ark on the road to Laurel Oaks in Glendale on April 26th. The residents were overjoyed with the enthusiasm and joy that the children shared. Thanks to UMCWFB member Steve Davis for helping to organize this special outreach event.





**Read the article submitted by our very own choir director,  
Neil Bubke, for the Spring edition of  
The Voice of WCDA (Wisconsin Choral Directors Association)**

## A Life in Music

Neil Bubke, WCDA Music in Worship R & R Chair

Most of us who've chosen a life on the podium can quickly point to a mentor who opened our eyes, ears, and hearts to the wonder of music. In my forty years of music making, I've had the privilege of working with virtuosic conductors, pianists, and singers. Few have impacted me as deeply as my middle school music teacher, Dixie Brueck. She didn't just shape phrases, she shaped lives.

Mrs. Brueck served as the general music teacher, the choir director, and the band director for Galva-Holstein Middle School in northwest Iowa. She managed her taxing class schedule with creativity, optimism, and tenderness. Long before it was in vogue, Mrs. Brueck designed a general music class that connected sound to history. I remember her lessons on the wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald, 17<sup>th</sup> century line dancing, Menotti opera, and Vietnam protest songs. In choir, she exposed us to classical rep, contemporary rep, and everything in between. In band, she introduced us to Swearingen and Sousa, while patiently training our clumsy adolescent bodies to march as one. How could someone be so capable in so many musical styles?

Like many influential teachers, Mrs. Brueck created opportunities. She taught countless extra lessons before and after school to prepare students for honor bands, honor choirs, and solo contests, but that was just the beginning. Mrs. Brueck connected her students to the community, arranging for her young musicians to perform at holiday gatherings, Lion's Club meetings, local churches, county fairs, weddings, funerals, and garden parties. If students struggled to find transportation to these events, Mrs. Brueck drove them herself. If they couldn't afford an event, Mrs. Brueck paid the fee.

We all know the powerful bonds music can form. Mrs. Brueck used that power to build friendships. When one of her bookish guitar students had learned enough chords, Mrs. Brueck paired him up with a couple of athletes who played drums and keyboard. Their rendition of Del Shannon's "Runaway" stole the show at the spring pops concert. It also bridged a gap between one nerd and two jocks.



# Music

Mrs. Brueck stood by her students when they failed. She taught them that disappointment is natural, but that wallowing is a waste of time. One of her trumpet students got “dry mouth” and botched his memorized solo at the 1989 Morningside College spring solo/ensemble contest. Realizing that he suffered from severe stage fright, Mrs. Brueck moved his weekly trumpet lessons to the gymnasium stage. Teacher and student focused not only on the rudiments of music, but on the psychology of *sharing musical treasures*. *What a difference there is between performing and sharing.*

Mrs. Brueck guided her most gifted students to their musical futures. When she learned that one of her pupils had good hands for piano, she implored his parent to get a keyboard in their home. A few years later, she drove this young pianist to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to hear one of her former students give a collegiate senior piano recital. Fully inspired, the young pianist returned to northwest Iowa determined to play the same Haydn concerto. More importantly, he returned with a deep desire to study music in college. How life changing that exposure to collegiate music making was!

Mrs. Brueck loved her students as if she were their mother. One of her seventh grade boys was ostracized and harassed. For an entire year, the male classmates taunted him in the hallways, on the playground, in the lunch room, and in the locker room. There was only one place where the student felt protected and accepted--Mrs. Brueck's music room. She created a sanctuary, and in doing so, saved a young man's life.

Mrs. Brueck influenced generations of musicians in ways she will never fully know. On behalf of all of them, I say THANK YOU. May all of us who have chosen a life in music approach our craft with similar diligence, creativity, and excellence. May we share with our students the kind of compassion, gentleness, and love that Mrs. Brueck gave to me--a most grateful guitar player, trumpet player, piano player, and survivor.



[CLICK HERE](#) or find the full issue of the VOICE of WCDA online under “Publications” “Spring 2023.”



# Ministry

## Men's Ministry Breakfast – Saturday, May 13

The weather cancelled our breakfast with Aaron Shoppa in March - so **it is rescheduled in Fellowship Hall for Saturday, May 13 with fellowship at 7 a.m. and a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m.**



Aaron is the new Director of the University Christian Ministry (UCM) that provides a spiritual home for students and faculty. Support comes from several denominations (Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, UCC, and Methodist) - our church providing support for many years. Come learn more about the spiritual part of today's college campus that you left several years ago.

Let Mike Rupp ([mjrrmr@gmail.com](mailto:mjrrmr@gmail.com)) know you will be there.

## **All Invited!** **Habitat Workshop at Solomon Temple UMC – Sunday, May 21** **1:15 p.m. Lunch & 1:45 p.m. Workshop**

The Men's Ministry invites our congregation to join several churches from Milwaukee, hosted by Solomon Temple at 3295 N Martin Luther King Drive, **to a Habitat Workshop on Housing, Race, and Equity in Milwaukee over years.** Learn how local history has impacted MKE housing patterns, how segregated housing was a conscious institutional choice and what effect the past has had on MKE Metro.

With a look at recent housing trends, you'll have insight into affordable housing and ways to take informed action. **This gathering provides an opportunity for you to reach outside our church where you can learn as well as meet others who have similar interests in people and mission.**

More details as we get closer.  
Questions to Dick Steinmetz ([rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com](mailto:rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com)).



# Ministry



## Companion Ministry

It's the little things, the smallest kindness...  
come be a part of the Companion Ministry for our Homebound

Prayerfully consider how you might benefit from being a companion to a member who is no longer able to physically come to church, who longs for a friendly face to chat with, to catch up on their church home and the people and activities within.

Your time commitment is minimal. Your friendship is essential. An occasional phone call, a card in the mail, prayers lifted up for them, perhaps even a short personal visit every now and then...that's it! Your friendship and caring conversation are all that is asked.

If you or a loved one is in need of a companion, let us know that as well.  
We will match up companions as volunteers permit.

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Tink Thomson [tinkthom@gmail.com](mailto:tinkthom@gmail.com).



## Women's Summer Book Study

Women's Summer Books Study begins **Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m.** in the Wesley Room with *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. Be a part of this engaging book discussion as your schedule allows. Books are available through Thrift Books online, the library or book sellers. Contact Nell Nash at [nnash@umcwfb.org](mailto:nnash@umcwfb.org) to let her know you will be a part of the in-person/Zoom class.

# Youth

## Congratulations to Confirmation Class of 2023

Confirmation 2023 is scheduled for **May 21 at the 10:30 a.m. service**. This is always an important event in the life of these youth, their families and the congregation, and we look forward to being able to recognize the Confirmands' achievements.

As in the past, we encourage everyone to write notes of encouragement and congratulations to our Confirmation youth. Envelopes labeled with each student's name are in the Narthex. If you're unable to get to church, you can email notes to [loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net).

As the Confirmation teachers for this wonderful class, we have been honored to connect with the youth and help them continue on their faith journey. — Lori Aeschbacher and Tony Mortellaro

**Confirmands:** Zachary Berg, Jack Korducki, Lizzie Lybeck-Smoak,  
Ally Melbye, Luke Melbye, Nina Milia, Miles Toll, Tanner Toll

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**5:30-7:00 PM**

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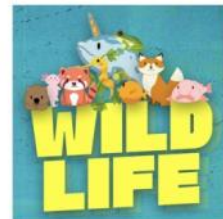


## Summer Events



**Lake Lucerne Camp**  
**Kids Ages 7-11**  
**June 18-21**

**Vacation Bible School**  
**PreK - 4th Grade**  
**July 31-August 4**



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# Notes from the Board

On April 18, the Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) met with Brady Henderson, Don Behrens, Mike Stoehr, Lori Aeschbacher, Craig Walker, Tom Van Cleave, John Frunceck, Samantha Gundrum, and Jenny Fisher in attendance. And we approved and welcomed new ALB member Chelsea Montague. Welcome Chelsea!

## **Recommendation to Charge Conference for new Chairperson**

When our Charge Conference meets on the evening of May 15, the congregation will vote to ratify the members of ALB and to designate a new Chairperson starting in July. This is due to Brady Henderson's appointment into ministry at Bethany-Calvary United Methodist Church in Wauwatosa. The appointment means that he cannot retain his membership here at Whitefish Bay past June of this year once he makes the anticipated switch from Supply Pastor to Licensed Local Pastor.

Tom Van Cleave has graciously accepted ALB's motion to be recommended as the next Chair of ALB starting in July 2023. Thank you, Tom; we look forward to your leadership with your proven skills leading the Trustees team and serving with the Institute of Congregational Development. A final vote will be held at the Charge Conference in May.

## **Narthex Transformation Update – Craig Walker and Russ LaFrombois**

The main event for the April meeting took place when ALB and many additional attendees from ministry, membership and staff received a presentation by Craig Walker and Russ LaFrombois laying out the vision for an updated Narthex. That vision is to create a friendly space, adaptable common areas and a positive experience for visitors.

Key Stakeholders were identified to represent the Hospitality Team, Lydia's Treasure, Office, and common areas. An iterative approach was taken; plans were modified as feedback was received. The current plan is receiving positive comments from the Key Stakeholders. Craig and Russ went through the plan by showing a series of current-to-new renderings. A rough timeline includes detailed design with congregational approval in late summer, Capital Campaign kickoff on Rally Day, final design completion, bid process starting in January 2024, work starting in April 2024 and completion/dedication in time for Advent 2024. The initial cost estimate for the Narthex update is around \$450k. Capital Campaign and Communications teams will need to be formed.

After many questions, answers, and discussion, ALB gave the Narthex Team the green light to move to the next steps, which involve making additional presentations with Q&A sessions and seeking feedback as more specific elements of the proposed design are filled in. Attendees were pleased and excited by the thought put into the design and presentation, and special thanks should be extended to Craig, Russ, and the whole Narthex team.

## **Consent Agenda - Brady**

The March meeting minutes, Trustees Report, Financial Report and Fund Balance were approved by consent. The Trustees Report highlighted action being taken on the water leak issues and work scheduled for April to repair the chimney and fireplace at the 816 Glen house. The Finance Report shows that YTD our Income and Expenses are just about equal.

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## **Devotion and Pastor's Report - Pastor Don**

Pastor Don reported that we had over 500 people worshipping with us on Easter, including the Saturday service. These numbers don't include the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services. Thanks went out to Tom V.C. for planning and leading the very successful leadership workshop on Saturday, April 15th. 4 people will be baptized on Mother's Day. The Stewardship Pledge Drive is underway with speakers during 3 weekends in April leading up to **Consecration Sunday on May 7**.

## **Staff-Parish Relations Team Update – Don Behrens**

Don Behrens will be attending a Pastor Transition workshop on April 22. The team's been working with the conference on the transition and shared 2 documents: "Your Pastor is Leaving" and "Welcoming a New Pastor." He also highlighted other elements that make for a smoother transition like wearing nametags, holding a welcome reception, and creating a liturgy for new pastors. The Staff Appreciation lunch will be held in late July, and additional work will be done by SPRT to help us all be prepared for a smooth and positive transition.

## **Shelby Update – Suzie Webster**

Outstanding work has been done by the Shelby Team which consists of Christie Wrenn, Nell Nash, Suzie Webster and Pam Vaughan. Their main goals were to improve the accuracy of individual records in our primary database and decrease the cost of its use. This involved removing numerous obsolete or redundant records. The criteria set by the team on who should be in the database was based on an individual's activity and financial giving. The team was able to decrease the number of individual records from 2676 to 1253, which is significant because there are cost savings if there are fewer than 2000 records. The team is also Establishing procedures to keep the membership information in the database current and accurate, track attendance of visitors, and create accurate mailing lists.

## **Next Meeting and Future Agendas and Information**

ALB's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 16**, with the closed session beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room. General session will begin around **7:00 p.m.** A Zoom option will be provided. All are welcome. If you would like to receive a copy of the meeting agenda, reports, and materials in advance, just email Brady Henderson at [misterjustice@gmail.com](mailto:misterjustice@gmail.com) and ask to be added to his mailing list of those who want to receive ALB information.





## *Birthdays for May*

Jean	Bauman	5/01	Tracy	Goudreau	5/12
Darren	Miller	5/01	Sherry	Lundell	5/13
Caroline	Wright	5/01	David	Keen	5/14
Samira	Peterson	5/01	John	Ross	5/14
Kent R.	Lowry	5/01	Greta Eve	Kurtz	5/14
Roy	Wagner	5/02	Benjamin David	Milia	5/14
Mitchell	Yurkowitz	5/02	Ella	Curran	5/15
Frank	Kotecki	5/02	Ann	Joys	5/15
Fiona	Sook	5/02	John	Curran	5/16
Hayes Thomas	Montague	5/02	Jason	Pokey	5/16
Amelia	Schaetzke	5/03	Danny	Donovan	5/16
Jim	Greer	5/03	Harvey Clark	Montague	5/16
Meggan	Veierstahler	5/03	Valerie	Jablonka	5/20
Patricia	Wisialowski	5/03	Linda	Hentzen	5/20
Alexander	Miller	5/04	Steven C.	Davis	5/22
Neffretiti	Moore	5/05	Dennis	Han	5/22
Calvin	Curran	5/06	Paul	Schluter	5/22
William	Aeschbacher	5/07	Brent	Erickson	5/23
Brendon	Gorham	5/08	James	Dodge	5/26
Vicki	Abad	5/09	Mary	Freuck	5/27
Erin J.	Boehm	5/09	Zaniyah	Freeman	5/27
Elisabeth	Henley	5/10	Nicholas	Hatch	5/28
Ryan	Miller	5/10	Thomas	Daugherty	5/30
Kathryn	Zhang	5/10	Wendy	Spinelli	5/31
James	Schacht	5/11	Josephine	Feix	5/31
Angela	Huber	5/11			