



JOY Newsletter

October 2022

United Methodist Church
of Whitefish Bay

Autumn Has Come

This church is amazing. So much is going on, with so many people, organizing with such care, and reaching increasing numbers of people. It is exciting to work with people who often carry out these ministries without drawing attention to themselves. You may have been part of the Worship Services, Rally Day Festivities, Wednesday Night Live, launch of Carpenter's Shop, Tree of Life, Open Door Gallery and North Shore School for Seniors, the service ministries of Feed My Starving Children, Habitat for Humanity and Food Ministries, the fellowship activities of Women's Luncheon and Men's Breakfast, the choirs, children's programs, youth ministries, Women at the Well, and Men's Wednesday Bible Study, as well as the knitters, gardeners, book readers, and the new Esther Circle for young mothers. Even with this long list of September activities, I am missing several. Something happens every day.

It is rare to have the opportunity to thank folks as they carry out their service to God and church in the community, so I hope they all know how genuinely happy and inspired I am to serve as pastor. Knowing I will be continuing as your pastor through June 30 gives us time to get to know each other, have a cup of decaf, and join together in loving, caring, and serving.

We have some fine-tuning to do—there is always fine-tuning when large numbers of people

are working together. When we are here to serve God, the details get worked out, and we can each find the point where our passion and skill join to meet a need.

A few needs have come to my attention as we move ahead. We have senior members in different places in the community who need a ride to church. We need someone to answer the church phone one morning a week while Anne works on the bulletin. We need teachers for Wednesday Night Live for a 6-week set in November-December. We need ushers and greeters to make connections with guests in worship. We need to form a community of people who worship online. I think there is interest in starting a group for young singles or couples. We need an iPad no longer being used to make electronic giving possible at Wednesday Night Live. As you read through this list, perhaps you feel a nudge. I would love to talk with you about finding a place where your passion and skill meet a need in the church's ministry. You don't have to commit until you feel God's call. The church is all of us and the Spirit has a gift for everyone and a way to use it.

I am normally available. You can reach me by email at dfrancis@umcwfb.org, by cell phone at 262-617-9330, or at the church office.

God bless you,
Pastor Don Francis

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ALL-CHURCH
MEETING**

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.
One worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Taizé Prayer — First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

The candle-lit, one-hour service features the singing of simple refrains, scripture readings, silence, and spoken prayer.

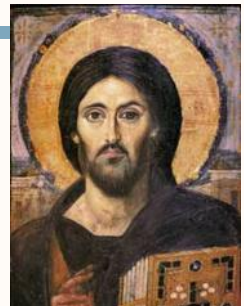
Taizé prayer is a worldwide ecumenical worship style reflecting a quiet, peaceful receptivity before God.

The roots of the Taizé Community are in a little village in Burgundy, France.

In 1940, Brother Roger, a Protestant, began an ecumenical monastic community. Today, 100,000 people from every continent journey there annually for study, fellowship, prayer, and as an affirmation of the worldwide human family. To learn more, visit www.taize.fr/.

For more info on UMCWFB's Taizé Worship, contact Sue Stanley at sstanley@umcwfb.org.

Upcoming Services: October 7, 7:00 p.m.; November 4, 7:00 p.m.; December 2, 7:00 p.m.



Welcoming New Members

On Sunday, September 11, we welcomed Mary Lynn Scheuber, Neffie Moore and Zach Freeman, and Kristen and Hui Zhang as new members.



Racial Diversity

Racial Diversity Team plans October events

The Racial Diversity Team is co-hosting a Black Lives Are Sacred Silent Witness on Oct. 8, from 10-11 a.m., at the corner of Silver Spring Drive, Lake Drive and Marlborough Drive. The event is co-hosted with Black Lives Are Sacred MKE and Bay Shore Lutheran Church.



Join us on field trip Oct. 14

Don't miss this opportunity to join fellow church members on **Oct. 14 from 4-8 p.m.** We will tour the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave., for the "Ghosts of Segregation" exhibit, and visit the Black Cat Alley at East Ivanhoe Place to see the outdoor murals. Then, dinner and jazz is planned at Sam's Jazz Cafe, 3338 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

Join us for all or part of the outing! For more information and to plan carpooling, contact Jean Erickson at jeanerickson213@gmail.com or Kathy Schluter at kschluter505@gmail.com.



NSS4S

NSS4S Classes Off to a Good Start!

Church member Roger Stafford taught a class on "Buttons, Banners and Politics" at the North Shore School for Seniors Sept. 20.

Fall classes continue through Nov. 8, with the **second term starting Oct. 17 and Oct. 18.** "Motion Monday" classes include Tai Chi and Zumba Gold, while Tuesday classes cover a wide range of topics from the arts to architecture.



Class info and online registration is at nss4s.org and catalogs can be picked up at the church office. All classes meet at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. Questions are welcomed at nssbxt@gmail.com or phone (414) 292-0960.

Missions

October MISSION OF THE MONTH **Senegal Agricultural Mission**

Planting seeds of hope and faith

Donations for the Mission of the Month in October will go to the Senegal Mission Project. This is part of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The mission teaches farmers about sustainable agriculture, assisting rural communities in achieving better food security.



Please Resume Food Donations

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary (MBHS) has put out an “Urgent Need” for the following food donations: canned beef or chicken, mac and cheese, Spam, sardines, tuna, baked beans, and SpaghettiOs.

Most of this year they have not been accepting canned foods. They are trying to provide food for 200 individuals and households.

Please resume bringing non-perishable foods, or make cash donations for food purchase. We will continue our support of United Methodist Children’s Services (UMCS) and MBHS with cash and food donations.

Please make your checks to UMCWFB and place “Covid food” in the memo area.

The Pumpkins Are Coming!!

It is almost time for our annual Pumpkin Patch sale! This year the sale will take place from

Friday, October 14 to Saturday, October 29.

This sale is a great community outreach event and a lot of fun. All of the profit goes to missions.

We need YOU to help us

unload pumpkins on **October 13 at 3:45 p.m.** and
to sell pumpkins from **3-6 p.m. on weekdays**
and from **10-6 p.m. on the weekends.** Shifts are 1.5 hours long on weekdays and 2 hours long on weekends.

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Contact Lori Aeschbacher for more information at loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net.



United Women in Faith

Holiday Fair brings seasonal fun Nov. 12

Plan to attend the Holiday Fair on **Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** It will be held in the Narthex again this year. Don't miss seeing our favorite gathering place overflowing with holiday cheer!

The fair is your best destination for unique gift items to give and something special for yourself.

The 2022 fair features jams and jellies, delicious cookies, and handcrafted items – all unique and homemade. Browsing is more fun when shared, so round up friends and family to join you.

The fair is presented by the church's United Women in Faith (UWF), and all funds raised go to support UWF programs and mission. There are many ways to volunteer.

Get your creative mojo going! There is still time to make and donate items. Just contact Lynn Bennett at bennett.lynn@gmail.com or 262-238-9916 to let her know what you are donating. Mark your calendar and plan to contribute cookies, for example.

Other volunteers are needed to help with setup on Friday starting at 9:30 a.m. and help with cleanup on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Let Katie Daniels know how you would like to pitch in by calling 414-750-1637.



UMF Luncheon

United Women in Faith Luncheon kicks off program year

Members of United Women in Faith and guests gathered Sept. 13 to connect with each other, learn about exciting Circle (small group) opportunities, and enjoy a salad luncheon. Members of Claudia Circle prepared a selection of salads that left attendees clamoring for recipes.



Thursday mornings are for FAITH-LIFTS!

Yes – faith-lifts. They brighten your outlook, they awaken your faith, they bring smiles abundant and friends to your fold. Don't miss YOUR weekly faith-lift – every Thursday morning at 9:30am – LIVE in the chapel and via Facebook Live (UMCWFB), Zoom and later on YouTube. But wait! There's MORE! Get your faith-lift in person and STAY for one of two faith-filled studies – Uncommon Ground in the Walnut Room, and The Whole Language in the Wesley Room. See you Thursday morning – you'll have a lilt in your step and a smile on your lovely, radiant face. Let HIS light shine through you this week. WOW – Women Offering Worship. Contact Nell Nash, Director of Women's Ministries, for more reasons to get your faith-lift this week. nnash@umcwfb.org



Lydia's

Lydia's Treasure
A Mission Supporting Store

Lydia's Treasure has three new mission focuses this year: Running Rebels, Kindred MKE, and Walnut Way Conversation Corps. Let us introduce you to them! We're excited about all they are doing for youth, neighborhoods, peaceful resolutions, growing leaders, and turning brown spaces into food safety havens. Support them all with every purchase and consider rounding UP to help even more. All Lydia proceeds benefit these missions and a tithe to UMCWFB. To date, Lydia has supported over 20 missions and given \$49,125.

The Running Rebels Community Organization provides programs for high-risk youth, including mentoring, tutoring, crisis stabilization, anger management, daily living skills, an after-school and summer safe and sound program, and separate programs for serious chronic offenders and firearm offenders. They also have innovative programming to appeal to a broader cross-section of youth. These programs include a high-caliber AAU boys basketball team, a music instruction program, and a youth entrepreneurial program which aims at developing skills and income-producing opportunities in the areas of lawn care, audio/visual and studio production, catering, and T-shirt designing/distribution.

Kindred ME develops new generations of diverse, culturally competent, empowered leaders equipped with the skills, values, and relationships necessary to disrupt the cycle of segregation by building diverse, equitable, and loving communities. Their progressive, age-appropriate camps and clubs allow participants to advance into leadership positions in Milwaukee with the values, skills, and relationships necessary to accelerate positive change.

Walnut Way Conservation Corp is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit neighborhood organization founded in 2000 by Lindsay Heights residents to reclaim and redevelop the economic health and vitality of their community. At first, neighbors tackled urgent community challenges, working together to restore the neighborhood and drive out crime. In 2000, Walnut Way incorporated as a nonprofit with a board assembled from engaged neighborhood residents. Since then, they have united neighbors in collective action, planted orchards and gardens in vacant lots, and cultivated a spirit of enterprise.

Church & Society

Your Vote Strengthens our Democracy

The United Methodist Church affirms the right to vote for all adults as a basic human right. The Church and Society Team of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay strongly encourages all voting age members of our congregation to vote on **Nov. 8**. We ask you to prayerfully consider all of the candidates and vote for those you believe will strengthen our communities and our nation. Our democracy can only thrive and remain strong when its citizens are actively engaged in the political process. This can be as simple as learning about the issues and voting. Other ways you could be actively involved include:

- Encourage your friends and family to vote.
- Take someone else to the polls or to early vote.
- Volunteer to help on a candidate's campaign. (For example, putting a sign in your yard, helping to mail postcards, or handing out literature.)

Remember that in Wisconsin, you have the choice to vote in person on election day (even registering at your polling place), vote absentee by mail, or early vote. The rules and deadlines for each of these options vary by community. Go to myvote.wi.gov for a wealth of information about voting, or call your city clerk at city hall if you have questions.

So, let's all take action as Christians and as citizens to faithfully participate in, and protect, our democracy!

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

Men's Ministry



Annual Golf Outing - Saturday Morning, October 8

We will return to Mee-Kwon Park Golf Course in Mequon for our annual golf outing. Tee times are 8:44 until 9:15 that morning playing 9 holes - \$26 with cart. Get together after to commiserate. Please let Don Lybeck (mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net) or Dick Steinmetz (rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com) know that you will be there.

Pickleball after Lunch - Saturday, October 15

Join us at noon for lunch at Corner Bakery Café, 1305 E. Capital, followed by pickleball at 1 p.m. at The Oaks of Shorewood, 3900 Estabrook Pkwy.

All levels of interest are invited, from spectator to champion - for fun at a get-together. Please let Mike Rupp (mjrrmr@gmail.com) know you will be there.



Next Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Date - Saturday, October 22

Habitat for Humanity is a mission for Men's Ministry that gives you an opportunity to be a part of a home construction for those who cannot otherwise have a home. Remember, the Habitat program develops desired neighborhoods for families in cooperation with local governments and community groups.

We will be painting the house at 3445 N. Vel Phillips Ave. Please let Don (mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net) or Dick (rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com) know you will be there.

Rally Day





Sunday School: In September, our kids followed the story of Joseph, from an annoying little brother to a prince who saved God's people! In October, we will talk about Daniel and his friends! Kids are welcome to join us at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Sailing with our youth: Our youth had the opportunity to go sailing on Lake Michigan thanks to the hospitality of our members Tom & Beth Groble! We had an amazing time checking out the city from Lake Michigan, catching some sun, and learning about sailing!



Halloween Fun and Service Opportunity with United Methodist Children's Services:

On **Monday, October 31 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**, the United Methodist Children's Services is holding a spooky, fun night adjacent to their campus on 39th Street in the Washington Park neighborhood. There will be trunk-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, showing of the film *Coco*, hot dogs, popcorn, and more! We are invited to participate and serve by providing trunks, treats, or donations. Costumes are encouraged. Consider how you or your family could participate in this fun and worthwhile partnership!

If you want to learn more about Family Ministries, please contact Pastor Andrew (ajones@umcwfb.org).



Notes from the Board

Notes from the Board - October

Extension of Pastor Don's Appointment

We are delighted that the Conference has extended Pastor Don's appointment to June 30, 2023. Pastor Don has been a healing and energizing force for our church and his presence for the remainder of the church year will give us needed direction and stability. It will also move the appointment of our permanent senior pastor to the regular pastoral appointment schedule when more pastors may be available.

New Board Chair

We are also excited to announce that Brady Henderson was elected as the next Board chair. He will succeed Kathy Schluter when her term expires on December 31. Brady has served on the board for almost 2 years, is teaching a class at WNL, and sings with the Chancel Choir. Prior to joining our church, he was active in a large United Methodist Church in Oklahoma. Brady is an attorney and lecturer on criminal justice. He is married to Karina and they have two children.

All-Church Meeting

The church will hold a combined Thanksgiving service followed by an All-Church Meeting on Sunday, November 20. There will be refreshments, ministry reports, and discussion of recent developments. The All-Church Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and will be livestreamed.

Rally Day and Fall Activities

Rally Day was a big success. Almost 200 attended worship and Fellowship Hall was full, with people eating lunch, chatting, and touring the ministry fair.

WNL has begun and is serving approximately 80 meals, including 27 children. 21 people are attending one of the four classes being offered and 30 are participating in choirs. WNL will feature a 7-week series of classes, with a break for the Thanksgiving pie feast, followed by a 6-week series before Christmas. There will be a Christmas outreach event on December 17.

North Shore School for Seniors also began with 100 attendees.

Finally, Pastor Don is planning to create an opportunity for ministry leaders to periodically share plans and coordinate on events.

Marketing and Communication Team

The Board approved a ministry team description for the new Marketing and Communication Team. The team will develop a marketing strategy and communication protocols and processes for the church in collaboration with Pastor Don and Anne Eversfield. The members of the team are: Georgia Lindfors, Betsy Hoylman, Beth Stafford, Beth Groble, Laurie Jeffery, Anne Eversfield, Jenny Fisher, and Kathy Schluter.

Branding Project

The Board also approved a branding project for the church to be led by Karina Henderson. She will donate her time. The church currently has a mission statement ("to grow committed followers of Jesus Christ who love God, care for each other and serve in the world"), a welcoming statement, guiding principles, and a Strategic Plan, but no clear brand. The brand will build off this prior work and the unique aspects of our church. It will provide strategic and ministry direction and will be used in all publicity of the church and its events. Karina expects to interview members of the congregation and the community as part of the project.

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The board discussed a related issue at its meeting from the book *Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World* by Kay Kotan. We discussed the importance of having a vision that is unique to the church and that guides the direction of the church.

Missions Update

The fall Missions schedule is full! Upcoming Missions projects are Feed My Starving Children Meal-Packing Event on September 29 - October 1, the Pumpkin sale beginning October 14, a work day for Habitat for Humanity on October 22, a Trunk-or-Treat for the United Methodist Children's Services community as part of their Halloween festivities on October 31, the Thanksgiving food drive for Northcott Neighborhood House during November, and Christmas with a Conscience on December 4.

United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) announced that it is planning a rebranding/renaming project that will eliminate reference to United Methodist and Children and focus more on its work with families in Washington Park. UMCS has said the rebrand will not alter its relationship with our church but will help it obtain funding and broaden its outreach into the community.

Staff Parish Relations

The board approved the hiring of Lynn Bennett as an assistant to our Food Ministry Director, Ron Jordan, for up to 12 hours per week. As with Ron, we approved Lynn's hire through December 31, when we will assess the net cost and success of our food program and determine whether to continue it as is or to make changes.

Current Trustee and Technology Projects

Trustees are determining the location and overall construction of the church sign on the NW corner of the church, but will defer a decision on design until the branding project is complete. Trustees are conducting an energy audit of the second floor and may install motion sensors for the lights.

Trustees are investigating water issues in Room 210 and have hired a contractor to resolve the roof leak affecting Room 225.

The conversion of the Chapel to a hybrid room has been completed.

BSA Facility Use Agreement

The board approved a new Facility Use Agreement for Troop 400. The agreement was drafted by the Council of Bishops and endorsed by the Boy Scouts of America. The agreement codifies the church's current relationship with Troop 400, but also indemnifies the church against any liability caused by the actions of the Boy Scouts or Troop 400, including sexual abuse.

The next meeting of ALB will be held on **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Wesley Room. A Zoom option will be provided. All are welcome.



Birthdays for October

J. D.	Davis	10/01	Carleen	Sook	10/18
Jack E.	Boehm	10/02	Anne	Summers	10/18
William A.	Rinehart II	10/02	Elliot	Hatch	10/19
Sandra	Hansen	10/03	Michael	Rupp	10/20
Margaret	Lybeck-Smoak	10/03	Ruth	Alt	10/20
Bennett	Feix	10/04	Samuel	Zhang	10/20
Nancy	Anderson	10/05	Kathleen	Smith	10/21
Thomas	Groose	10/05	David	Hokeness	10/21
Emily Camille	Henley	10/05	Joyce	Owusu-Ayim	10/21
Mary	Paull	10/06	Ellie	Strelow	10/21
Heather	Kotecki	10/06	Samuel	Aeschbacher	10/23
Lynette	Janssen	10/07	James	Abram	10/23
Barbara	Margenau	10/07	Hallie	Sanders	10/24
Dylan M.	Rice	10/08	Suzie	Webster	10/24
Anthony	Mortellaro	10/09	Gerry	Harrison	10/24
Kate	Veierstahler	10/09	Scott	Chiappetta	10/25
Evan Jacob	Hawkins	10/10	Robert	Batchelder	10/26
Margo	Middleton	10/11	Emily	Dettinger	10/26
Tess	Fleming	10/11	Jodi	Lambert-Belke	10/27
Kyle	Trimble	10/12	Lisa	Kurtz	10/28
Chris	Felix	10/12	Jamison S.	Gaffney	10/28
Richard	Marx	10/13	Leona	Jordan	10/29
Mary	Middleton	10/14	Betsy	Fruncek	10/29
Wes	Manko	10/14	Roger	Koenke	10/29
Laurie	Jeffery	10/14	Jennifer	Boehm	10/29
Annalise	Ebert	10/15	Sarah	Milia	10/29
Melanie	Berg	10/16	Charles	Ward	10/30
Laurie	Douglass	10/18	Dennis	Funk	10/31
Kelley	Daugherty	10/18			