



JOY Newsletter

November 2022

United Methodist Church
of Whitefish Bay

Being Called

I've had three conversations in the last two weeks with members of the church who told me about feeling God has called them. One has decided to enter the lay ministry, one has agreed to serve on Trustees, and one is faithfully working through issues in the family.

God's call is different for everyone. It comes at different times of life: when young like David or old like Abraham and Sarah. It can come in different ways: a voice in the night like Samuel, a voice in the day like the apostles, the voice of a misunderstanding priest like Hannah, near a burning bush like Moses, or in the silence like Elijah. It can ask different things of us depending on our gifts and situation.

Some of us respond immediately like the shepherds who went to Bethlehem. Some want to check with a trusted friend or relative like Mary who visited her cousin Elizabeth when told she would give birth to Jesus. Some wait for years or outright say no, like Jonah.

Most of these are examples from the Bible, yet their truth is confirmed by so many of our similar experiences. It makes us each feel unique and especially chosen. It reveals a way we can be part of God's redeeming work in the world. (That is theological language for being a loving and nonjudgmental influence in people's lives in a life-changing way.) Whether it is a reaction to coming out of the isolation of COVID or a new sense of the church's important healing

presence in the divided community, I have sensed people are open to a change in their lives in a way that makes a difference to others.

I have decided to offer a class Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. during Wednesday Night Live in November and December to learn from the tradition of the church and from our experiences how God calls us and uses our unique Spirit gifts to make a difference. It could change this church and each other.

The book we will use is *Lay Servant Ministries* by Sandy Jackson and Brian Jackson. It is the book used in the Lay Servant program in the United Methodist Church so those who are interested in becoming certified can use this course to satisfy the basic requirement. The book is available from Amazon, Cokesbury, and other places for \$11 and for less as Kindle or eBook. We will study together on November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7 and 14.

Whether or not you attend this class, I pray you remain open to God's call in your life. It is an unforgettable experience, and it often happens more than once. Notice other valuable classes are also offered on Beginning Bible and The Many Faces of Loss. Take advantage of these study/discussion opportunities with others in our church.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and anticipation of Advent and Christmas. The church is alive and well. Blessings to you and your families.

Pastor Don Francis

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay

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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.

All-Church Meeting

The All-Church Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. on November 20.

The meeting will celebrate our ministries and provide updates on key operations, ALB transitions, and the senior pastor appointment process. There will be time for fellowship and refreshments. All are encouraged to attend.

All Saints' Day worship is coming November 6 **The memory book & bell banner are in the Narthex**

If you have someone you'd like to remember, please add their name to the book and a bell to our beautiful, handcrafted banner. This year, we will also share a display of photos of loved ones who have entered life eternal.

Please bring your framed photos, with your name and number attached to the back, to the main office or table near the banner by Wednesday, November 2.

You may take your photos home after the 10:30 a.m. worship that day.

Thank you for sharing your treasured photos. For questions, email Nell or Pat at nnash@umcwfb.org, pwisialowski@umcwfb.org.



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.

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.

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

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



Wednesday Night Live Classes for November and December

The next set of classes for Wednesday Night begins November 2 and runs through December 14.

The Many Faces of Loss - Led by Pat Wisialowski

Pat will lead a discussion group inviting all to share their stories, their experiences, and their wisdom-earned with each other. Participants will learn from one another and help each other engage in this exciting journey called life. Pat has over 30 years of Pastoral Ministry experience including service as Home Hospice Chaplain. She has earned a master's degree in Pastoral Studies from St. Francis Seminary. See class outline [HERE](#).

Beginning Bible - Led by Sue Stanley Mortellaro

Sue will continue her popular study-discussion of the Bible, looking at the New Testament stories. New members are welcome to join. Sue has earned a master's degree in Church Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lay Servant Ministry - Led by Don Francis

Don will invite people wishing to explore their call from God and their spiritual gifts to serve in or through the church. We will use the book *Lay Servant Ministries* by Sandy Jackson and Brian Jackson. Participants who wish may use this valuable course in the process of certification as Lay Servants in the United Methodist Church. The book is available from Amazon, Cokesbury, and other places for \$11 and for less on Kindle or eBook.

Coming in November

6 All Saints' Sunday, 9 and 10:30 AM

12 Holiday Fair, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

20 Thanksgiving Worship, 10:30 AM

23 Thanksgiving Eve Service &
Pie Feast, 6 PM



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HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:30am-1:30pm

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay
819 East Silver Spring Drive

One-of-a-kind handmade gifts
and delectables
Start your holiday shopping!

• Jams and Jellies • Pickles • Cookies • Handcrafted Items

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 to find 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 attend.

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 set up 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.

HOW ONENESS HEALS THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Sister MacCanon Brown

Founder of MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay

in person and via livestream



*Our last speaker talked about how racism distorts the human spirit.
What is the remedy? Join Sister MacCanon Brown who practices
oneness leading to mutual transformation for Blacks and whites.*

Sponsored by Bay Bridge and UMCWFB

Events

RACIAL DIVERSITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sister MacCanon Brown Presentation on “How Oneness Restores the Human Spirit” *(see flyer on previous page)*

Tuesday, November 22 in our Sanctuary or by livestream

MacCanon Brown is the founder of MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary in the 53206 area. She has built a true sanctuary for both Black and White, client and volunteer, by creating a sense of oneness where all are valued and loved as equals. Join us to hear about the transformational concepts that form the foundation of her work in marginalized communities. The event is free and registration is not required.

MICAH presentation on “Communicating Our Values through Effective Messaging”



Monday, November 28 in our Chapel

MICAH is offering a primer on the basics of effectively messaging cultural values.

Black Nativity Musical

Join fellow members at the Marcus Center to see Black Nativity, Langston Hughes' joyous holiday musical told in scripture, poetry, dance and song from an African-American perspective. The **Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.** performance in Vogel Hall has discounted tickets of \$25.50 each, rather than the \$45 tickets for other performances.



Purchase your tickets online while they last at

<https://www.marcuscenter.org/show/black-nativity-langston-hughes>.

Scroll down to click on “community night” for the discounted tickets.

We'll see you there. We also may carpool by contacting

Jean Erickson at 414-962-8920 H, 414-759-7406 M, jeanerickson213@gmail.com.

Blood Drive at Church on Thursday, November 3

Our next Blood Drive is Thursday, November 3, from 2:00-7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Did you know that even though approximately 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, less than 5% actually do? Every day, patients in our communities need red blood cells, platelets and plasma to keep them feeling healthy and strong. The blood you donate today ensures there is enough for tomorrow.



Please consider donating on November 3 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. 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.

Lydia's Treasure is filled with holiday fun!

Lydia's Treasure
A Mission Supporting Store

Filled with thoughtful greeting and colorful art cards, including Christmas cards. Filled with gently read and used books, games, puzzles. Filled with Fair Trade, Thistle Farms, decadent chocolate and fun finds. Our little mission gift shop is FILLED with so many ways YOU can support mission with every purchase. Stop by soon, new items weekly, Monday & Tuesday 10-2, Wednesday 5:30-7:30, Saturday before and after 5pm worship and Sunday before and after 10:30 worship as well as during the Holiday Fair on November 12, 9:30-1:30. We love donations of items and any size "boutique" bags. Contact Lydia at mpaull@wi.rr.com with questions.

Tree of Love

UMCWFB is once again sponsoring our Tree of Love event which supports Next Door Foundation and the United Methodist Children's Services. Running the event virtually has worked so well the past 2 years that we will continue to do it again this year. You will have the opportunity to purchase gifts of \$10-\$25 for the young children who attend the Next Door Foundation. We have committed to help out 100 children. You also have the opportunity to purchase (85) \$25 Walmart/Target gift certificates that will go to each of the families at the United Methodist Children's Services. The certificates will be procured through our church SCRIP program. You do not have to procure the certificates yourself.



Details on how you can sign up for both of these opportunities will be sent to you in the near future in upcoming Wednesday eJOYs and the next monthly Joy.

Thanks for your support. Let's make this Christmas a little brighter for some of our more needy brethren in our Milwaukee area.



Thanksgiving Express Food Drive and Mission of the Month

November is a special time to be thankful for all that we have. Here at The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, we have two opportunities to share our bounty with our friends at Northcott Neighborhood House. Northcott is our November Mission of the Month where loose change and other donations will go to support their purpose of providing education, employment opportunities, and basic necessities to youth, families,

and senior citizens in the Milwaukee area. In addition, we will be collecting non-perishable, healthy food items for our friends at Northcott.

Please bring your food donations to church **by Sunday, November 20.**

Below is a list of food items that are most needed:

Soup, Stew, Chili

Canned Beans

Canned Chicken or Tuna Fish

Canned Vegetables & Fruit

Whole Grain Cereal (no added sugar)

Peanut Butter

Christmas with a Conscience Fair — Sunday, December 4

On December 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, you will have the opportunity to purchase meaningful and lasting gifts in the form of donations to support missions in Milwaukee and around the world. Tables with representatives from the participating organizations will be in the Narthex where you can browse, learn, and make donations. If you'd like to mail in your donation, please send a check to church with the organization(s) of your choice in the memo.

Participating organizations are:

- United Methodist Children's Services
- Northcott Neighborhood House
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- UMCOR
- Habitat For Humanity
- United Nations World Food Program
- Feed My Starving Children – Spring 2024 Meal Packing Event



Outreach

Thank You for a Wonderful FMSC Meal Packing Event

THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped to make our first FMSC meal packing event in three years a joyful and fulfilling event! There was hard work but also a lot of fun and laughter and even a little good-natured competition (Question: How many boxes have you packed? Answer: Two more than you!) After three days and 8 packing sessions, we packed 87,264 meals and donated 13,824 more for a total of 101,088 meals provided to hungry children around the world. We do not yet know where our meals are headed but know they will save lives wherever they go.

Special thanks go to Portal Inc. for once again providing the perfect venue for the event and to our wonderful FMSC Team - Jim and Nancy Schacht, Carl and Nancy Trimble, Gigi Boswell, Lori Aeschbacher, Jenny Fisher and Chelsea Montague – for organizing and leading the event.

This event has been an important mission for our church for over ten years. As an opportunity to serve, it blesses us to give hope to the most vulnerable through the gift of food. As an intergenerational mission, it allows our families and community to share a deeply meaningful mission experience together. As our only international mission project, it enables us to truly serve in the world. And as a collaboration with a top-rated Christian hunger relief organization, it enables us to impact more people and places than we could ever reach alone. Thank you for once again helping us turn hunger into hope!!

NOTE: We expect to sponsor another FMSC meal packing event in 18-24 months. To meet the financial commitment of that event, we will need to raise funds during the intervening months. Please continue to support this mission at Christmas with a Conscience in December.



Men's Ministry

October - A Great Month of Events

GOLF OUTING AT MEE-KWON GOLF COURSE



PICKLE BALL AT OAKS PICKLEBALL COURT IN SHOREWOOD



HABITAT PAINTED
WALLS/CEILINGS
WITH 2 COATS ON 2 FLOORS
AT 3445 N VEL PHILLIPS AVE.

Men's Ministry

Saturday, November 19 at 11 a.m.
Men's Ministry will meet at The Newsroom Pub 137 E. Wells St.
Home of the Milwaukee Press Club

Program: Roger Stafford, a church member who served three terms as president of the club, will review the history of the club and the historic signatures on the walls.



The Milwaukee Press Club is the oldest continuously operated press club in North America. Roger is a member of the club's Hall of Fame and holds one of seven Distinguished Service Awards of the club.

Lunch: From the Safe House menu.

This is a special opportunity to learn about Milwaukee history while sharing fellowship. Plan to bring a guest. We're also looking forward to women joining us.

Please let Roger Stafford (rogerstaffordmke@gmail.com) or Dick Steinmetz (rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com) know that you are coming and how many will be in your party.

**United Women in Faith
invite you to the
Christmas Luncheon**

“Unwrapping the Joys of Christmas”

Come share love, laughter and fellowship
that will warm your heart this
Christmas season.

**Tuesday, December 13
at 11:30 a.m.**

**At The United Methodist Church of WFB
in the Fellowship Hall**

Cost is \$10

Sign up at the church office
or call the church at 414-964-2424



Every month in the JOY, United Women in Faith will focus on one of our small groups, also known as “Circles.”

For November, attention is on the **Knitting Circle that meets every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Walnut Room.** All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to long-time crafters. Whether you prefer knitting, crochet, or machine knitting, there’s a place for you here. Of course, much is shared in addition to techniques and expertise!



The group creates hats and scarves for needy children as well as working on individual projects. Come give the group a try!

WOW

**WOW – 25 years of women’s ministry, study and, worship
On Thursday mornings.**

“I’ve never felt so safe to share.” “This IS where I am fed.”
“The insight I get when we’re together, just makes it all better.”
“Thursday is my favorite day of the week, my church day.”

Women Offering Worship – Thursday morning lay-led worship at 9:30 in the Chapel and via Zoom <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86477695842> Meeting ID: 864 7769 5842, and later on UMCWFB Facebook and YouTube. Where are YOU on Thursday mornings?

Time for Giving

CASH GIFTS

A cash gift in any amount is a convenient and popular way to show your faithful support for the church or other ministries. If you itemize, the full amount of your gift qualifies for a 2022 charitable income tax deduction. Make certain check is dated 2022 and received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2022, to receive a deduction this year.

GIVING APPRECIATED PROPERTY

If you own investments that have increased in value (stocks, bonds, real estate, or mutual funds), you can donate them to a church or charity and take a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid declaring the capital gain of the assets as income. Many people consider this the equivalent of a “double deduction.”

SALE & GIFT		DIRECT GIFT	
Stock with Fair Market Value (Cost Basis \$200)	\$1000	Stock with Fair Market Value (Cost Basis \$200)	\$1000
Taxable Gain on Sale	\$800	Taxable Gain on Sale	\$0
Capital Gain Tax at 15%	\$120	Capital Gain Tax at 15%	\$0
Net Sales after Tax	\$880	Net Gift to Charity	\$1000
Charitable Tax Deduction	\$880	Charitable Tax Deduction	\$1000
Tax Savings at 22%	\$193	Tax Savings at 22%	\$220

Notice how the Direct Gift option can result in the church or charity receiving \$120 more while costing you \$27 less! To receive this special tax treatment, you must have owned the property for at least one year.

GIVING & RETAINING INCOME FOR LIFE

Did you know you can give to a charity while retaining income from the gift for the rest of your life? A charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust enables you to receive flexible or guaranteed income. Plus, there are significant tax advantages. Let's assume you are 70 years old, single, and wish to make a \$10,000 gift to the church when you are gone but need to receive income until then. You can make the gift now and receive several attractive benefits. First, you could receive income that exceeds what you are currently earning on the \$10,000. At age 70 with an annuity rate of 4.7%* of the \$10,000 each year through a gift annuity (\$470)—greater than most bonds or C.D.s. Next, a portion of the \$470 annual annuity may be tax-free over your life expectancy.

Giving

Finally, you could receive a 2022 charitable income tax deduction for the remainder portion of your gift. This deduction can save you a sizable amount in federal income taxes. Making a life-income gift now offers all these advantages and provides the satisfaction of knowing you have helped your church or charitable organization in a significant way. **The United Methodist Foundation that serves your conference can help you with these types of gifts.** Visit www.naumf.org/locations to find contact information for your UM Foundation.

GIVING UNNEEDED LIFE INSURANCE

Do you own an old life insurance policy that is no longer needed? Perhaps the purpose for the policy no longer exists (your children are grown, or your mortgage is paid off) or your financial situation has changed and mitigates the need for the insurance. Consider giving the policy to the church or a charity and receive a charitable income tax deduction for the lesser of your cost basis or the replacement value.

This is a great way to benefit a cause you support without reducing your checking account. If the value is more than you wish to donate, consider cashing in the policy and giving a lesser portion. Your gift may sufficiently reduce or eliminate any potential taxes due from the sale.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

As you think of those special persons (a teacher, pastor, relative or other loved one) who have touched your life, you may want to do something “just right” to demonstrate that they are remembered. A memorial tribute can be a satisfying way to salute those whose memories continue to enrich our lives.

WISE TAX PLANNING

Making extra gifts or accelerating future gifts into the 2022 tax year can enable an itemized income tax deduction. The standard deduction threshold for 2022 is \$25,900 for joint filers, \$19,400 for heads of households and \$12,950 for singles (\$1750/person 65+, \$2800 if joint return, \$1,750 if unmarried). If your total deductions are less than those amounts, you won’t be able to deduct any charitable gifts. An extra year-end gift may add just enough to allow you to take advantage of your full itemized deduction. Many tax-wise donors accelerate contributions for the coming year to enable itemization at least every other year.

EXPRESSING YOUR FAITH

Year-end is also the Christmas season. For many Christians this is an occasion to give in gratitude for God’s greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ. In all our giving, let us never forget these familiar words, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son...”* Why not make a special effort to honor Him in your giving this Christmas season—perhaps the most important gift you give? May God bless you as you make this expression of your faith.

Notes from the Board

We were blessed to have our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor join our ALB meeting in October. This is first time a District Superintendent has met with our lay leaders in many years and the gesture was greatly appreciated.

Rev. Insor explained the senior pastor appointment process. He said our church needs a pastor who can teach and preach and work within the culture of our church and community. The new pastor should continue the course being set by Pastor Don. The ALB will prepare a church profile and pastors complete self-assessments to inform the appointment. Rev. Insor said the church must also be willing to work with whoever the new pastor may be.

Regarding the denomination, Rev. Insor hopes the LGBTQ+ issue will be resolved at the General Conference in 2024. In the meantime, the Church has established a mediation process for churches wishing to disaffiliate and some churches in the Conference have applied. The new conservative denomination, Global UMC, is also actively recruiting churches.

Rev. Insor was installed as District Superintendent at a multi-cultural service on October 22 at Brown Deer UMC.

Wednesday Night Live

WNL is going well. Weekly attendance has ranged from 59-79. The first series of classes was well attended and will end on October 26. The second series will begin on November 2 with three classes: Sue Stanley continuing her class on Beginning Bible, Pat leading a class on loss and Pastor Don leading a class on lay servant ministries.

Strategic Plan Update

It may be time to revisit our Strategic Plan. The current Strategic Plan is about four years old. Some of its objectives have been achieved and others not but, given all of the changes that have occurred in the last four years, it is now outdated. Pastor Don suggested creating a new strategic plan early next year with an expanded Strategic Planning Team of about 20 people. The timing would coincide well with our current branding project.

Pastor Don also has developed the following six goals that may inform the process:

1. Refresh an effective board team system by growing the ALB to 12 members, creating a Nomination Team and transitioning leadership.
2. Organize comprehensive staff coverage by rewriting job descriptions and filling major holes.
3. Inspire synergistic ministry leadership by holding training sessions for church leadership.
4. Develop a spiritual community discipleship framework by marketing community connection programs and visiting church members to increase engagement.
5. Renew our ministry base facility by completing the Narthex renovation.
6. Plan for our future pastoral transition.

Finally, Pastor Don and Kathy Schluter attended a Conference ALB meeting that had three key take-aways:

1. Growing churches risk new ideas and approaches, develop leaders through

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personal conversations, and change their culture from just trying to make their members happy, to putting more effort into being out in the community.

2. New ministries attract new people - ask what new ministries our community might need.

3. If someone comes to our church for a non-church purpose and does not form a relationship with a church member and is not invited back, they will see the church as no more than a community center and will not return.

Staff Parish Relations

The Staff Parish Relations Team has agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee until one can be formed.

Children and Youth Ministry Update

Pastor Andrew reported that our Children and Youth programs are experiencing steady growth this fall. 37 children are engaged in Sunday School and Nursery and 25 youth participate on Sunday in some way. Andrew has also recruited several new adult teachers. The 7th and 8th grades are being combined for Confirmation so there will be a Confirmation class every two years instead of every year. Finally, there have been outreach and mission events this fall that have involved children, youth and their families, such as Feed My Starving Children and Trunk-or-Treat with United Methodist Children's Services.

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New Church Leadership Roles

The ALB elected Nancy Anderson as the Treasurer and Lori Aeschbacher as the Secretary of ALB, effective January 1, 2023.

Brady Henderson has satisfied the requirements for Lay Servant and his designation was approved by ALB. Lay Servant is a Conference training program that prepares laity to engage in leading, caring and communicating within the church. Brady is continuing his studies and expects to become a licensed local pastor by next fall. He could then be appointed as a pastor or assistant pastor of a church (including ours). Unfortunately, once he is appointed as clergy, he can no longer serve on ALB or act as its chair.

Marketing and Communication Plan

The Marketing & Communication Team has developed an initial plan to improve our outreach and external communication. In October, the team developed a flyer on events during October, November, and December that was distributed to the congregation. The flyer is being converted to separate banners for November and December which will be displayed in the front of the church to take advantage of our central location. The team is also developing communication guidelines and social media review teams to assure that our communications have a consistent quality and tone. Finally, they hope to develop a team of social media gurus who can post about and with content from our events on Facebook and Instagram. If you would like to join that team, please contact Anne Eversfield in the church office.

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Trustees Report

Current Projects

Some members have noticed that the dumpsters on Danbury are occasionally not picked up before Sunday's services. Because of waste management staffing shortages, trash pickup has often been delayed. Please extend grace during this period.

The audit of the second floor rooms resulted in cleaning Room 225 and repairing the roof leak that had damaged ceiling tiles in the room. The audit of the first floor is next.

Narthex Renovations

In response to member concerns, Trustees are developing a revised and slimmed down renovation plan for the Narthex. The renovation will address carpeting, lighting, and signage but will not relocate the coffee area to Lydia's Treasure.

Livestream Issues

We have experienced problems with our livestream several times in the past month. Our livestream system is over 10 years old and needs significant hardware and software upgrades. We have retained a livestream company and expect to receive a bid and specifications shortly.

Financial Update

The operating budget currently has a surplus of \$9,374. Our non-pledge giving is ahead of budget.

The Capital Fund balance is \$61,779 and the Future Fund balance is \$91,620, after the payment of \$5815 to convert the Chapel to a hybrid room. The Properties Capital Fund remains at \$213,507.

Our next ALB meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Wesley Room.
A Zoom option will be provided.
All are welcome.



Birthdays for November

William	Read	11/01	Phoebe	Kotecki	11/12
John	Serrano	11/01	Elliott Joseph	Pokey	11/12
Roxanne	Plapp	11/02	Isaac	Ashun	11/12
Alexander Michael	Lindfors	11/02	Walt	Ebersohl	11/13
Nathan	Berg	11/02	Max	Dodge	11/13
Sheila	Hendrix	11/04	Ann	Rowoldt	11/14
Annie	Fleming	11/05	Laurie	Haig	11/16
Za'Laya	Moore	11/05	Todd	Stuebe	11/16
C.J.	Neville	11/06	Spencer Lee	Yurkowitz	11/17
Alexander	Dettinger	11/07	Julia	McMahon	11/17
Pat	Kissinger	11/09	Hannah	Lybeck-Smoak	11/17
Don	Lybeck	11/09	Nancy	Behrens	11/18
Trent	Huber	11/09	Andrew	Carey	11/19
Shavez	Hicks	11/09	David	Reeves	11/19
Lindsay	Vanden Plas	11/10	Michael	Rinehart	11/19
Leni	Siker	11/10	Judy	Pelton	11/20
Karen	Rinehart	11/10	Jack	Korducki	11/20
Alianna	Balmer	11/10	Vernetta	Jefferson	11/20
Katelyn	Hoylman	11/11	William R.	Hentzen	11/22
Christie	Wrenn	11/11	Sean	Gaffney	11/23
Richard	Steinmetz	11/11	Savannah	Potter	11/24
Dorothy	Koch	11/11	Bonnie	Henderson	11/24
Riley	Murphy	11/11	Harper	Bayer	11/25
Elizabeth	Lybeck-Smoak	11/11	Camille	Middleton	11/27
Colin	Han	11/12	Jacky	Sincoular	11/27
Dan	Linsley	11/12	Daniel	Mngoja	11/27
Scott	Wunderlich	11/12	David	Hahn	11/28
Maureen	Kailhofer	11/12	Lydia	Fleming	11/28
			Kristen	Chou	11/29
			Janice	Hahn	11/29