



# JOY Newsletter

February 2022

United Methodist Church  
of Whitefish Bay

## **“One, Two Two Two Two Two, Three!”**

It is January 25<sup>th</sup> as I sit down to write this February newsletter article. When I left my house to come to work today the thermometer in my car said it was zero degrees outside. A few minutes into my commute, the temperature rose to two degrees and stayed there. Maybe this is why so many of our friends and family head south for the winter. Two. On the fourth Tuesday of February the date will be 2/22/22. That is a lot of twos! Maybe we will be lucky that day and the temperature will be closer to twenty-two degrees than a mere two.

I have always been partial to the number two.

Two makes me think of baseball.

That sounds odd I know, but let me explain why. When I was a little boy playing in the West Madison Little League system, I was a member of the Octopus Car Wash team. I loved and still do love baseball. I loved putting on my uniform with a purple jersey and a large number two on the back! I had fantasies about Major League Baseball glory with a two on my back.

Ten years later, I was a full-time high school youth director at a growing Methodist church. I was finishing my undergraduate degree at Edgewood College on a religious studies scholarship and working the early morning shift at the Y.M.C.A. so that I had enough money to eat. At that time, Edgewood decided to start a varsity men's baseball program. Hmm, I was a full-time student working two jobs. Could I find the time to play? Well, I went for it. I was named team captain and was pleased to be given the first choice for a number. I chose two.

As fond as my memories are of that number, when reflecting I see that there is an even more important number. One of my favorite bands was Three Dog Night. I still listen to their

greatest hits from time to time when walking my yellow lab, Mason. One of their songs begins with the words:

*One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do  
Two can be as bad as one*

*It's the loneliest number since the number one*

A popular wedding text is taken from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12:

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. (NRSV)*

Very few people want to be, or feel, alone. One is always looking for a number two in their lives, whether as a life partner, a dear friend, or a trusted colleague. But three is even better than two when the third strand in the cord is our God, who we experience in three ways as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. As we approach 2/22/22, let's give thanks for three! When we do, we

will not be quickly or easily broken. In addition, this triune God can take our existing brokenness and make us whole. And when that happens, we experience a strength to fully tackle all that life has to throw at us!

Underneath the bill of my baseball hat I wrote with a black Sharpie marker: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 (NRSV) It was a reminder of my number three, who was my number one even before I was born and will be long after I am born into eternity!

Pastor Matt Hadley



# Worship

## All are welcome Friday, February 4th, for Taizé Worship



**Taizé Worship will occur the first Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a slow-paced, meditative worship service.

This month, the theme of our worship will center around Psalm 23:

The Divine Shepherd - A Psalm of David

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

Contact Sue Stanley for more information at [sstanley@umcwfb.org](mailto:sstanley@umcwfb.org) or 414-339-9212.

## New Sermon Series

### *Practice Makes Perfect*

6<sup>th</sup> - The Practice of Slowing

13<sup>th</sup> - The Practice of Play

20<sup>th</sup> - The Practice of Patience

27<sup>th</sup> - The Practice of Mindfulness



## WOW— Women Offering Worship

Worship with women of multiple generations – live or with the miracle of technology. Faith-lifts, praise and prayer, song and scripture, fill the half-hour time between 9:30–10 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Worship with WOW, Women Offering Worship, either via Livestream on our website at [umcwfb.org](http://umcwfb.org) or on our United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay Facebook page. Two classes, in-person or via ZOOM, are ongoing, and new Lenten studies will begin the first Thursday of March.

Contact Nell, Director of Women's Ministries, at [nnash@umcwfb.org](mailto:nnash@umcwfb.org).

# Workshop



**Braver Angels**

## **February 10, 7 p.m. Zoom Workshop on Political Polarization Presented by Braver Angels**

The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay's Church and Society Team is sponsoring a Zoom workshop on "Depolarizing Within" on **Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.**

The Depolarizing Within workshop is presented by the Braver Angels organization.

The workshop is designed to teach participants to look within and develop strategies for engaging in conversations about politics without demonizing the other side.

The mission of Braver Angels, a national citizens organization, is to "bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic."

Registrants can sign up for free or make a donation to Braver Angels.

A link for signing up is on the Braver Angels Eventbrite page, where UMC of Whitefish Bay is listed as a partner organization. **Click below to sign up.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/depolarizing-within-wi-stateunited-methodist-church-of-whitefish-bay-registration-238941509487>

Those registering for the workshop will get a confirmation email with a link to the participant's guide, which can be printed. The PDF of the guide also is linked [HERE](#). Registrants also will receive an email with the Zoom link two days before the event and a reminder the day of the event.

Walt and Sue Ebersohl, co-chairpersons of the Church and Society Team, urge people with views across the political spectrum – "Red and Blue" – to sign up for the workshop.

"Anyone interested in more fully exploring polarization and the remedies for it is welcome."

## Lydia's

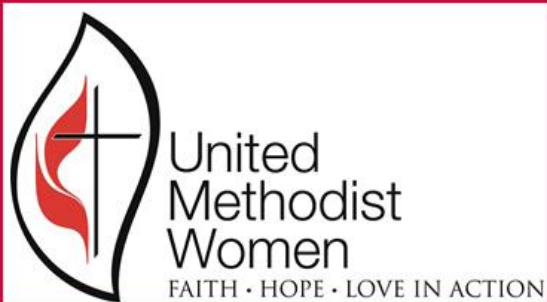
**Lydia's Treasure**—Cozy blankets, wraps, and afghans for snuggling up on snowy days. Gently-read page-turners and tried-and-true puzzles to while away winter's darkness. Luscious lotions and balms for winter-parched skin. Colorful and thoughtful cards to jot a note and snail mail a friend. Lydia's Treasure, our little mission gift shop, is waiting for you, with all this, and more.

**Lydia's Treasure**  
A Mission Supporting Store

**New February hours** (as of February 15): Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m., pop-up Thursdays 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Sundays 10-10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – Noon.

Be a part of the Lydia's mission – support Fair Trade, local missions, and small businesses (here and around the world). We LOVE donations of fun finds, jewelry, shopping bags, and rounding UP when you find that something that catches your fancy. See you soon.





## Souper Bowl kicks off for 2022

For a great price of \$10, you can help missions supported by the UMW and have a great treat for the BIG GAME on Feb. 13. (As an added incentive, for every two quarts ordered, a can of soup will be donated to missions.)

**Orders will be taken after services through Sunday, Feb. 6, for pickup on Feb. 12 and 13.**  
Order online by emailing [suekdaugherty@gmail.com](mailto:suekdaugherty@gmail.com).

### Who could resist the following options?

#### **Chef Greg's Chicken Dumpling**

One of the most popular soups at Greg's restaurant.

Skinless, boneless chicken thighs, sage, thyme, chicken stock, vegetable base, celery, carrots, and parsley combine for the savory, hearty soup, with flour and egg for the delicious dumplings. Sure to please.

#### **Roasted Butternut Squash Bisque**

Roasting the butternut squash and scooping out the delicious flesh brings out a sweet caramelized, nutty flavor to this bisque. Sautéed apple, onion, sage, chicken stock, a touch of cream, and maple syrup round out the yummy flavors. **Gluten free.**

#### **Better than Neil Bubke's French Onion**

**(it's the cheese)** A perfect winter comfort soup. Add the attached homemade croutons, secret cheeses, and ENJOY! Simply made with unsalted butter, yellow onions, flour, beef broth, dry white wine, salt, and pepper.

#### **Delicious Vegetarian Minestrone**

Enjoy this winter comfort soup to warm your day or Super Bowl halftime. Made with olive oil, celery, carrots, onion, tomatoes, zucchini, basil, garlic, white beans, vegetable broth, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, salt, and pasta.

#### **Southwest Chicken Tortilla**

Bring a bit of the Southwest to your table with this hearty soup filled with warm spices, shredded chicken, and a variety of beans. Top with the Fritos included for a crunchy "tortilla" touch. Ingredients are chicken, pinto beans, white kidney beans, black beans, corn, green chilies, tomatoes, taco seasoning, ranch dressing powder, and chicken bouillon.



### More Great Reads and Discussion

Deborah Reading Circle will meet **Feb. 1 on Zoom** to discuss *The Book of Lost Friends*. Then, a month later on March 1, readers tackle the topic of heredity with *She Has Her Mother's Laugh* by Carl Zimmer. The March selection is a longer book than usual, so it's a good one to get an early start on!



## Mission Team Co-sponsoring an Afghan Refugee Family

Our Mission Team will be working in collaboration with an organization involved with refugee resettlement. The refugee resettlement organization assists the co-sponsor in securing sustainable employment for refugees. The church would also need to contribute some financial support.

Co-sponsors would help with activities such as furnishing an apartment, transportation, scheduled check-ins to ensure needs are met, and serving as a cultural navigator.



If you are interested in being a part of a Mission sub-team working with an Afghan family, please contact Don Lybeck at 414-807-5789/ [mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net) or Cynthia Boock at 414-573-5203/ [cboock2645@gmail.com](mailto:cboock2645@gmail.com).

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## RUMMAGE SALE CANCELED

It has been decided to cancel the All-Church Rummage Sale scheduled for the end of April - given the uncertainty of COVID impacting the week-long event and the planning that needs to start now. Many thanks to those of you who have been saving your rummage for the sale - hope this is timely for you to make other plans.



The discussions for this decision have also included the future of the rummage sale - especially with the alternative ways to raise money for mission that have now been identified. For example, our 2021 "Christmas with A Conscience" event raised more money for mission (with limited time spent) than the recent rummage sales - recognizing the 7 days of 12 hours that the rummage sale requires. Since the rummage sale is now an all-church event, ALB has been asked to consider the issues and will start the discussion for the future of the sale at its next meeting, open to all members, now scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month - February 15th. We encourage you to participate via ZOOM - including your ideas for raising funds for mission. An example would be to ask members to donate what they would have spent at the rummage sale.

The rummage sale has a long history with our church going back decades - mostly with the successful leadership of the United Methodist Women's Ministry and Mary Paull. All of you who have made the sale a success with your hours of dedication can look back and be proud of the resulting contributions to our church missions. Many, many thanks.

All that said, we have decided to step out of organizing the rummage sale after the last 4 years when it became an all-church event. But we remain available to consult new management. Thanks for the many special memories..... you made it work!!! - Loretto and Dick Steinmetz

# Outreach

## February Mission of the Month - Habitat

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity is our February mission of the month. Loose coins and designated donations will go toward the Men's Ministry 2022 pledge of \$4,000 to Habitat. The Mission Team has decided to jump start the Habitat pledge drive with \$1,000 from their budget.

The money is used to purchase lumber, appliances, and pay for professional contractors to provide work the volunteers cannot. Habitat has a goal to build 25 new houses in the nearby Harambee neighborhood (north and south of Locust - east of I-43).

In addition, we will be able to sign and decorate studs in February and March. The decorated studs will be used to build the walls of houses this year. Below are pictures of the decorated studs that were installed in the Habitat houses this past summer when members of our church were installing drywall (note the decorations from our church). Please watch for more details when we have the studs available.



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## Christmas With A Conscience 2021

The final checks have been sent to the 7 organizations who participated in our Christmas with a Conscience event held during December.

Over \$17,000 was collected for:

- United Methodist Children's Services
- Northcott Neighborhood House
- Peace Learning Center
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- Afghan Refugee Relief - Immigrant Assistance Fund
- Feed My Starving Children meal-packing event
- Meta House



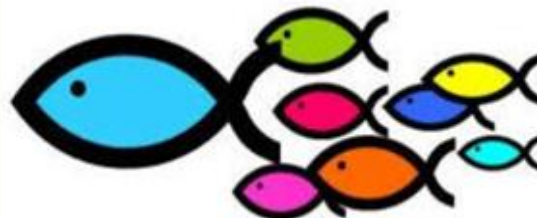
Thank you for all your generous donations!



## North Shore School for Seniors Winter Session—February 15

North Shore School for Seniors (NSSS) classes will be offered at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay beginning Feb. 15. Classes are on Tuesdays, and meet from one to six times, depending on the subject matter. The school is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fees are \$8 per class session – \$8 for one-week classes, \$16 for two-week classes, \$32 for four-week classes, and \$48 for six-week classes.



A brochure has been mailed to those who registered for the Spring 2020 Session and Fall 2021 Session. To request a brochure, phone the NSSS office at 414-292-0960 and the brochure will be mailed. Information also is available at [umcwfb.org](http://umcwfb.org) under the adult ministries heading.

Registrations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis and can be done by returning the form in the brochure. There also will be in-person registration the first day of classes.

Face masks are required on the second floor of the church, where NSSS classes take place and a daycare is operated. Other measures for the safety of all may be implemented.

Six-week classes meet Feb. 15-March 22, and include Acrylic Painting Studio (12-2 p.m.); Apple I Phone Basics (9-10:30 a.m.); Genealogy: Basic Steps to Discover Your Family Tree (12-1 p.m.); Mah Jong (10-11 a.m.); and Indian Boarding Schools (10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.).

A four-week class, Preparing You and Your Home for Sale, meets Feb.15-March 8 (1-2 p.m.), A two-week class, Anarchists, Murder and Justice?, meets Feb.15-22 (9-10 a.m.).

One-week classes are China and the USA (2/15, 1-2 p.m.); A Difficult Conversation about End of Life Issues (3/8, 1-2 p.m.); Custer: A Re-examination (3/1, 9-10 a.m.); Navigating Senior Living (2/15, 12-1 p.m.); Preplanning Your Funeral (3/15, 12-1:30 p.m.); Quilts and the Stories They Tell (2/15, 9-10 a.m.); Senior Scams and How to Avoid Them (2/22, 1-2 p.m.); Ten Warning Signs of Dementia (3/22, 1-2 p.m.); Understanding Dementia and Memory Care (3/8, 1-2 p.m.); I Want to Stay in My Home (2/15, 1-2 p.m.); and Women Air Force Service Pilots (3/8, 9-10 a.m.).

# Youth

Hey Friends,

This month included serving and having fun, while honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth made sandwiches for the homeless for the Day of Service. We also had a meet-up with children, youth, and families at the Klode Park ice rink. It was a perfect day for ice skating and hot cocoa. Kids went home with an MLK Day activity booklet!



## **Summer Plans**

Kids Grades 2-5: Lake Lucerne Camp: June 19-22

Youth Quest Camp: June 26-July 1

Appalachia Service Project (High School Only): July 16-24

Vacation Bible School: August 1-5

[If you have interest, would like information, or want to volunteer for any of these summer events, fill out this SURVEY!](#)



## **We're back - ASP 2022! Save the Date!**

Our next adventure with Appalachia Service Project will be from **July 16-24, 2022** so mark your calendars. ASP is open to all current 8th graders through current high school seniors. We also need adult and youth leaders to accompany us on the trip. This is a great opportunity for adults and kids to have an experience they can share for a lifetime. Please get your deposits in ASAP.

Let Lori Aeschbacher ([loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net)) or Pastor Andrew know if you have interest in going or have questions about the trip.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in serving or volunteering, please contact me at [ajones@umcwfb.org](mailto:ajones@umcwfb.org).

With Hope,

*Pastor Andrew*



# Notes from the Board

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members of ALB: Lori Aeschbacher and Nancy Anderson.

Lori serves on the Mission Team and recently organized Christmas with a Conscience and has taught Confirmation and been on the leadership team for the Appalachian Service Project for several years.

Nancy co-founded our Tree of Life preschool and Church Camp at Lake Lucerne and has been active in our women's ministry and tutoring program for many years. She has also served on SPRT and the Foundation and Memorials Committee.

Both women are long-time church members with a deep faith and will be great additions to the board. They will join the board in February.

## **COVID Policy and Changes**

Our COVID policy is evolving in response to the omicron surge. The church is open but masks will be required in the church regardless of vaccination status. The staff will provide you with a mask if you need one. Social distancing is encouraged but will be a personal choice. Sunday hospitality and WNL dinners were halted in January but will restart in February.

## **Missions Ministry**

The generosity of our congregation for mission continues to amaze us!

Christmas with a Conscience raised \$17,784 for seven organizations. UMCS and MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary each received \$4,500 and the other organizations received a minimum of \$1,700. In addition, Missions received three \$1,000 donations in December for local missions.

Trees of Love donated 100 gifts to Next Door Foundation and 85 \$25 gift cards to UMCS to brighten a child's Christmas.

The FMSC Team has scheduled the next FMSC Meal-Packing Event for September 29 - October 1 and will plan to pack 100,000 meals at a cost of \$25,000. Despite the many precautions taken by the FMSC staff at mobile-pack events, the team decided a spring event was too risky given the recent COVID surge. Although the September date will compress the period in which to raise funds, most of the \$25,000 was raised over the last three years.

Missions is exploring the possibility of co-sponsoring an Afghan family with Lutheran Social Services. We would need a team of 8-10 people who would help find housing, transportation, job training, and jobs over a period of 6 -12 months. The Mission Team would donate \$2,000 to the cost.

## **Update on Boy Scouts of America Settlement**

The United Methodist denomination has joined the BSA settlement. The denomination will contribute \$30 million to the Survivor Trust Fund in exchange for a release from possible liability related to the sexual abuse claims pending against troops chartered by United Methodist churches. The Wisconsin Conference will be responsible for \$208,096. Each church will also be expected to review its Safe Sanctuary policies; Pastor Andrew will lead the review for our church. The settlement must still be approved by the court.

# Notes

The Facility Use Agreement with Troop 400 has been signed and will provide protection for the church in the unlikely event of a future claim.

## **Staff Parish Relations**

The board approved two new job descriptions for a 20-hour-per-week Director of Membership and Engagement and a 10-hour-per-week position to oversee our new website and our social media presence. The job descriptions primarily split the responsibilities listed in the prior Director of Engagement job description but clarify that the Director of Membership and Engagement will be in charge of WNL and the media position will include developing and implementing a media strategy. SPRT is conducting a final review of the position descriptions and they will be posted soon.

## **Technology**

We have found a way to sync Constant Contact to our automated membership software. This will help streamline our congregational contact information.

Our livestream service was not viable on Facebook for 2 months last fall. The problem was recently corrected.

## **Trustees**

Mission at Home has been cancelled due to the COVID surge. Some small projects may still be assigned.

Upgrades are being planned for the Youth Room, including installing a new floor and painting the walls.

The Narthex Team has retained architect Russ LaFrombois to provide a design for the church building's Narthex welcoming area.

## **Finances**

**FY 2021-2022 Budget** - we had a very strong December with \$128,772 in pledge and \$16,735 in non-pledge income. The Christmas offering was \$7,685. Our expenses are below budget, driven by unfilled staff positions. Consequently, even after paying the balance of our 2021 apportionment, we had a surplus for the month of \$69,372, which increased our surplus for the year to \$93,982. This is a huge improvement over last year, when we had a year-end surplus of \$51,739, and puts us in a good position to weather the lean winter months.

**Capital Account, Future Fund, and Properties Capital Fund** - our Capital Account and Future Fund remained the same at \$64,181 and \$97,435, respectively, on December 31. The balance in the Properties Capital Fund was \$213,507 after a payment of \$2,980 to Badger Fence for the dumpster corral.

## **Meeting Date Change**

The ALB's regular monthly meeting date will be moved from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month, beginning in February.

**The next ALB meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.**



## *Our Birthdays for February*

Catherine	Borman	02/01	Michael	Martin	02/14
Leah J.	Gaffney	02/01	Miguel	Potter	02/14
John	Douglass	02/02	Catherine	Marx	02/15
Brendan Edward	Duncan	02/02	Mark	Huber	02/15
Lauren Joy	Duncan	02/02	Carleen	Robertson	02/16
Ellie	Jacobson	02/04	Gary	Strothmann	02/16
Cameron	Goudreau	02/04	Loren	Strelow	02/17
Henrietta	Owusu-Ayim	02/04	Christian	Zastava	02/18
Ava	Balmer	02/04	Jeffrey	Gorsuch	02/19
Elizabeth	Rymer	02/04	David	Sanders	02/19
Eileen	Swanberg	02/04	Amelia	Zastava	02/19
Wendy	Pribbanow	02/06	Roanne	Barnes	02/20
Lucy	Norris	02/06	Ria	Buor	02/20
Emily	Hoylman	02/08	Ellen	Redeker	02/21
Mary	Dietz	02/08	Eva	Whitney	02/21
Nancy	O'Toole	02/10	Karen	A'Rowan	02/24
Douglas	Brown	02/11	Jacob	Mortellaro	02/24
Kathy	Walker	02/11	Zachary	Berg	02/24
Lois	Goldberg	02/12	Madeleine	Hastings	02/25
Joseph M.	McMahon	02/12	Dawn	Ahrens	02/25
John	Fruncek	02/12	Donna	Chiappetta	02/25
Neil	Bubke	02/12	Sophia	Veierstahler	02/25
Richard	Barnes	02/13	Chris	Pagenkop	02/26
William	Crise	02/13	Niki	Kremer	02/26
Jean	Erickson	02/13	Alex	Trebatoski	02/28
Mason	Wendt	02/13	William	Mulligan	02/28
Natalie	Hatch	02/14	Bob	Perry	02/28
			Virginia E.	Mike	02/29