



JOY Newsletter

August 2022

United Methodist Church
of Whitefish Bay

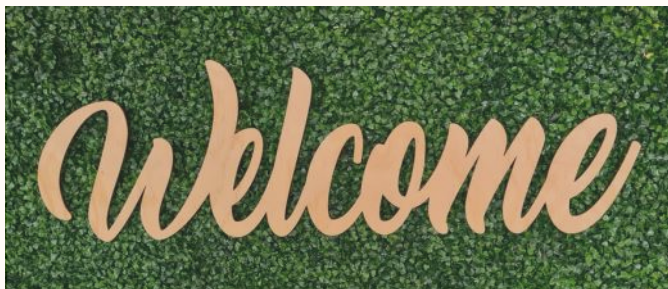
“Feeling Welcomed”

This church knows how to live its mission to grow persons as deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ who love God, care for each other and serve in the world. It has been only a month, and I’ve seen you do it all. The way you worship with inspiring music and energy in the congregation, and the way you study together in groups on Wednesday and Thursday are indications of your deep love for God. Your welcome of my wife and me, your celebration after worship last week with ice cream and pie, your dedication to introducing guests to the church, your commitment to the decision making and support of the church with teams like Gray Guys show how much you care for each other. The Appalachian Service Project mission team, the several food ministries, and the refugee sponsorship are just the tip of the deep commitment to serve the world. It excites me to be here with you.

I met recently for a day with the staff to make sure we were positioned to support your efforts. We thought our best service to the church was to help you provide in person and online opportunities for forming spiritual communities for new, marginal, and existing members. We know we can’t lead everything needed in this inspiring church, but we will serve you as wisely and

faithfully as we can to position the church for growth and depth in its love, its care, and its service.

Once again I want to thank you for your gracious reception of my wife and me, and, yes, my mother. You made us feel so welcome, so loved and appreciated. My prayer is that you as members, and all guests who visit this church are received in the same way: made to feel like they have found a home where they are loved, supported, and engaged in this stage of their life. The staff and I will join you in making it so. In particular I am looking forward in August to



a family focused Vacation Bible School and in September to a Rally Day launch of a full range of fall programming highlighted in a rebooted Wednesday Night Live. I encourage everyone to

be vaccinated so we can be together in spiritual community without fear. It is time.

Though I am interim pastor, I would like to meet as many of the people of this good church as I can in my time here. If you would like a visit or conversation, call me at the church, extension 222, or email me at dfrancis@umcwfb.org.

God bless you all.
Pastor Don Francis

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay

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Worship



Taizé Prayer Worship Service THIS FRIDAY, August 5 at 7 p.m.

Experience this monthly meditative service that is sure to start your weekend off on a calming note.

COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE

How we enjoy our morning coffee! Sharing a cup of coffee and a good conversation is such a big part of our hospitality here at church each Sunday morning! Over the years there have been many super volunteers who took turns at setting up coffee for everyone on Sunday mornings. We are most grateful to them.

We definitely want to continue this tradition! Now we are asking for volunteers to come forward to take a Sunday morning coffee hospitality ministry for a few weeks or a month at a time. This could be a circle, a group of friends or one or two individuals.



Job description: arrive by 8 a.m. to get the coffee going. Set out the cups, napkins, cream, and sugar, etc. Check on the lemonade and make some, if needed. Serve after the 9 and 10:30 services. Clean up after. Smile.

Summer is busy and people's schedules are, too. Questions or ideas? Please let Pat know. Thank you in advance. Pat Wisialowski, pwisialowski@umbcwfb.org, 414-964-2424, ext. 224.

Reminders:

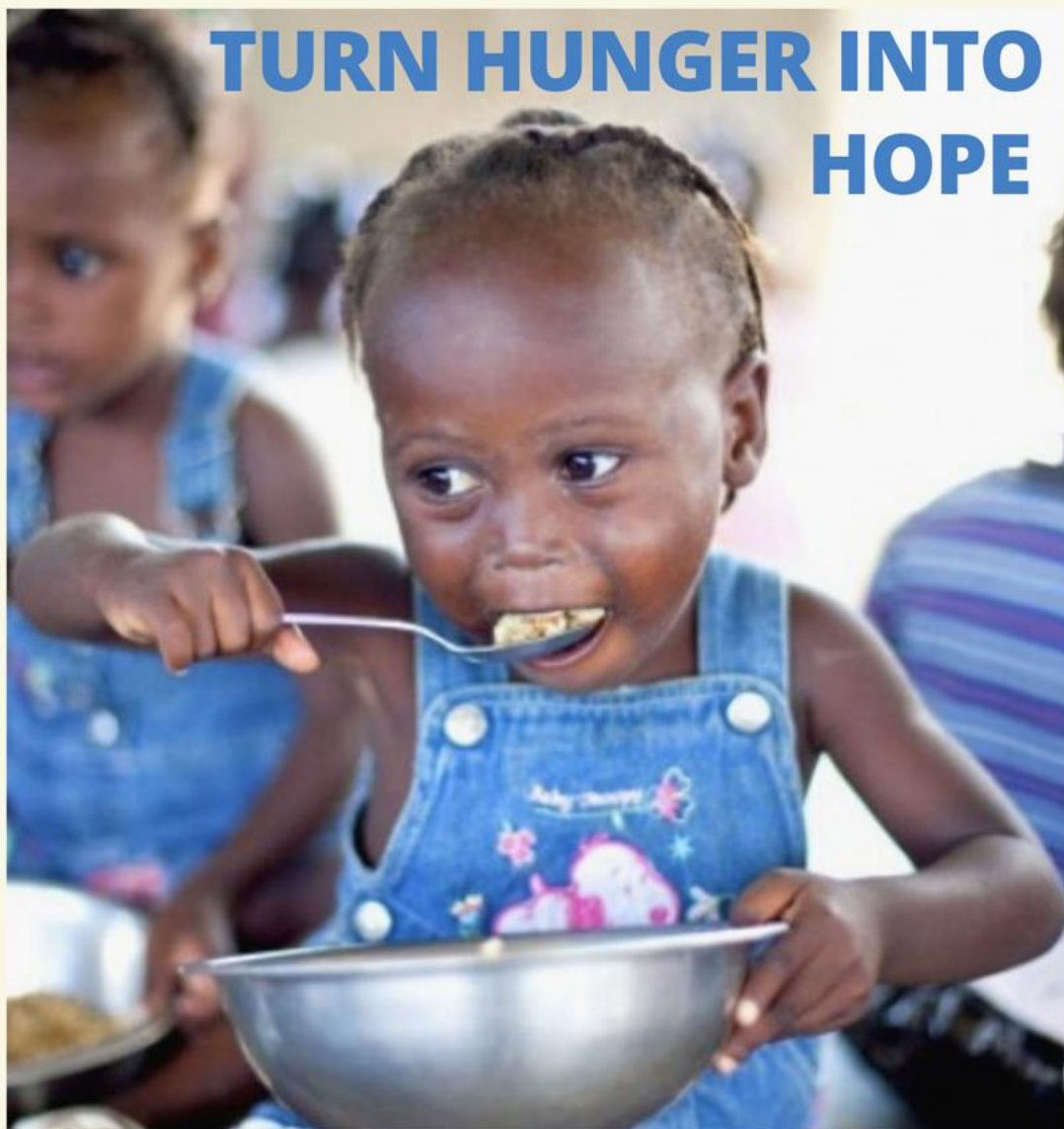
The SCRIP Program (now called Raise Right) is alive and well!

For several years, church members have found how easy it is to make a financial contribution to the church without opening their wallets. They simply buy the gift cards we have for sale on Sunday morning or in the office and use them for groceries, home projects, the movies, coffee, or at the drug store. Each purchase results in a donation to the church and the purchaser receives full value at the store. A big thank you to all the faithful members who have continued to make an "extra" donation in this way throughout the last two years. Stop by the front desk to learn more or talk to Craig Walker or Roanne Barnes to learn how you can participate in the Raise Right program.

Is the church meaningful to you?

Occasionally an active or long-time member of the church passes away. The family writes an obituary identifying where memorials contributions should go – often to non-profit organizations – but they fail to mention the church. In all probability, the deceased would have included the church because it was a meaningful part of their life. When thinking about one's will or perhaps funeral arrangements, it is important to express in writing or to family members that the church be included as one of the options for memorial contributions.

- Foundation and Memorials Committee



**Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event
September 29 - October 1, 2022**

Portal Industries, Grafton

Sponsored by United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay

It is time to register for our Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event on September 29 to October 1.

So get your family, friends or groups together and sign up to spend 2 hours packing food for hungry children. The event will take place at Portal Industries in Grafton.

The times of the packing sessions are:

Thursday, 9/29
6-8 p.m.

Friday, 9/30
10 am -12 noon
1-3 p.m.
3:30-5:30 p.m.
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10/1
9 -11 a.m.
12 noon - 2 p.m.
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Registration is open to church members now and will be open to the public on August 15.

You can register at any time by emailing Gigi Boswell (lboswell@wi.rr.com) or Kathy Schluter (kschluter505@gmail.com) with your name, email, packing session, and number in your party. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the church office. You will receive a confirmation of your registration from FMSC.

After August 15, you can also register and donate to our event at our event site on the FMSC website at www.fmsc.org. Search for Grafton, WI Mobile Pack under the Volunteer tab.

Become part of our FMSC mission and help us turn hunger into hope for a child this fall.

Supplies for Marvin Pratt School

We will be collecting supplies, listed below, for Marvin Pratt Elementary School (K-3 thru 5th grades) as we have in the past. There will be a box in the Narthex labeled “*Supplies for Marvin Pratt*” where you could put any items you may wish to donate. Especially needed are Dry Erase Markers and Ear Buds, as well as all other items listed. Thank you all for your generosity. Call with any questions: Loretto Steinmetz at 414-550-2957.

Plastic supply box or pencil pouch
Washable white glue, 8 oz. bottle
Glue sticks
Crayons, 24 ct. (nothing larger)
Crayons, 8 ct. (pre-school)
Colored pencils, 24 ct.
No. 2 pencils, 20ct. standard
 yellow
Large rectangular eraser, pink
Red pens
Blue pens
Black pens
Highlighters, different colors
Washable markers, 8 ct.
*Low odor dry erase markers
12 “ ruler (with inches/cm)
Pocket folders
Spiral notebooks, (70 pages) -
 wide rule (same color as pocket folders)
Theme paper, 1 pkg. 200 pages
 or more - **wide rule**
*Ear Buds
Box Kleenex
* (most needed)



Outreach

Habitat for Humanity

A Men's Ministry Mission for all UMCWFB Members over 18.

Our next project is **Saturday morning, August 13, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.** when we have the opportunity to put down flooring at 3470 N. 2nd Street. Of interest - that is the same neighborhood where our church joined together for the kids musical this spring.

Just go to mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com and scroll down to August 13 where you will find the UMCWFB commitment. We need 5 volunteers. You can sign up on the Habitat website or let Don Lybeck (mdonlybeck@sbcglobal.net) or Dick Steinmetz (rsteinmetz@wi.rr.com) know you can be there - for registration.

The is your chance
to do something for others
that you can feel good about.



North Shore School for Seniors gears up for fall 2022 session

North Shore School for Seniors (NSS4S) organizers are planning 20-plus exciting classes for the fall 2022 session. Participants can stretch their muscles and minds, while meeting others AND having fun.

The fall session is **Sept. 19-Nov. 8**, with classes meeting at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Dr. “Motion Monday” classes are Tai Chi and Zumba Gold, plus chair yoga on Tuesday. On Tuesday, classes cover a wide range of topics from arts to sports to history.

Class information and online registration is available by clicking [HERE: nss4s.org](https://nss4s.org). Fall 2022 brochures also will be available Aug. 1 for pick-up at United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. Email questions to nssbxt@gmail.com or phone the NSS4S office at (414) 292-0960.

Classes meet from one to eight times, depending on the subject matter. On Monday, the school is open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and on Tuesdays, the school is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fees are \$10 per class session. For example, one-week classes are \$10 and eight-week classes are \$80.

Registrations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis and can be completed online or by returning the form in the brochure. There also will be in-person registration the first day of classes, if a class is not filled.

Depending on current CDC guidelines, face masks may be required for those attending classes. Other measures for the safety of all may be implemented.

The mission of the NSS4S is improving mind and spirit through learning and friendship. The North Shore School for Seniors is an adult outreach program of United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. Classes are open to all. Located inside the church, Lydia’s Treasure Mission Gift Shop will be open during class times, and features Fair Trade, Third World, Missional business products, and fun finds.

The following classes meet Tuesday unless otherwise indicated.

Eight-session classes include Acrylic Painting Studio; Memoir Writing; Apple iPhone; Relax - Breathe - Meditate; How Iroquois Indians Helped Create the United States Constitution; and What’s on View at Milwaukee Art Museum.

Tai Chi meets for eight sessions on Monday, Zumba Gold meets for seven sessions on Monday, and Chair Yoga meets for four sessions on Tuesday.

Four-session classes include Baseball & Football & Beer, Oh My!; Pop Music of the 1960s and 70s; Selling Your Home; Sexuality for Older Adults; De-Cluttering and Downsizing; Enneagram; and Genealogy.

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Three-session classes include Astaire, Rogers, and Gene, and Lots of Dancers in Between.

Two-session classes include What We can Learn from Frank Lloyd Wright's Forgotten House; Family Stories: Telling Your Own Tales; Rand, Dr. Strangelove and Saving the World; and Buttons & Banners, Collecting Political Memorabilia.

One-session classes include Facilitating a Conversation with Your Adult Children; Becoming a Dementia Friend; Cixi - Dowager Empress of China; Taiwan and China; Forgiveness; Senior Law - Making One's Preferences Known; Fall Risk Prevention; and Olmsted's Legacy in Milwaukee: Lake Park.

NORTH SHORE



SCHOOL FOR SENIORS



*Live a Little...
Learn a Lot...
Have Fun in the Process!
Sign Up... Rise Up!*

Fall 2022 classes, Sept. 19 - Nov. 8

Classes meet from one to eight times.

*"Motion Monday" revs you up with exercise options.
Tuesday stretches your mind with 20+ diverse classes.*

- ▷ Health & Wellness
- ▷ Acrylic Painting
- ▷ Exploring & Recording Memories
- ▷ History & Politics
- ▷ Sports & Entertainment
- ▷ What's Next For Me? (Life Changes!)

Check out the website for info and registration, beginning Aug. 1
nss4s.org

All classes are held at

**United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay
819 E. Silver Spring Dr.
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217**

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Events

Fun at the Pool!

Choir and camp kids reunited at the Fox Point pool on July 18. Miss Jenny, Mr Neil, and more than 24 children's choir members beat the heat at the Fox Point pool. Many thanks to Beth Groble, Chelsea Montague, Denise Potter, Alison Bins, Jackie Wichert, and Neffertiti Moore who chaperoned the fun event.

On August 5th at 11:00 we'll be venturing to Brown Deer Pond.

Join us! Contact Neil for details at 414-331-2691.



A Pie Feast Extravaganza

UMCWFB's Pie and Ice Cream Feast was a joyous event for the church as we welcomed back our ASP volunteers. Many thanks to Beth Groble and the many volunteers who made it happen. The Holy Spirit was at work in the making and sharing of those pies!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Get your creative mojo going for Holiday Fair



Mark your calendar and start creating those one-of-a-kind items for this year's Holiday Fair, planned for **Saturday, Nov. 12**. The fair is presented by the church's United Women in Christ, and all funds raised go to support UMW programs and mission.

Readers wanted!

If you miss heading back to school in September and diving into those new books, plan to join the Reading Circle next month. **We start our new "reading year" on Sept. 6** in the **Walnut Room at 7 p.m.** We will be discussing *The 1629 Project: New Origin Story* by Nikole Hannah Jones.

The entire year's titles and dates will be in the September JOY, as well as printed in the new United Women in Faith Directory (which will be ready in September) .



If Covid ramps up again, the group will revert to blended Zoom and in person, or total Zoom, meetings. In any event, we WILL continue to enjoy each others' insights and explore books in discussion!



Fall Luncheon

Circle your calendar for Sept. 13 and join us!

We invite you to attend the United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) Fall Luncheon on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**. Looking to get connected with like-minded women? We have several Circles – small groups that pursue a particular interest. Whether you're interested in quilting, knitting, reading, service or just getting together and making new friends, you'll find what you're looking for. An exciting new Circle is the Esther Circle for young moms.

You won't want to miss the incredible Salad Lunch prepared by Claudia Circle. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with punch and fellowship. Display tables will be set up for each of the Circles for women to browse. Circle facilitators will discuss their groups and answer questions. Cost for the luncheon is \$10, with a sign-up sheet at the church office. Childcare is available, if indicated as needed (in advance) on the sign-up sheet. See you there!

Thank You, Laura!

We will be celebrating one of our teachers, Laura Gonzales, who has been with us for 20 years on Aug 26th. Laura has worked in our infant room for the entirety of her career and has shared her love with many children and families. We will be collecting letters or cards for Laura to give her on Monday August 29th. If you were blessed to have Laura care for your little one, or know of someone who did, please turn in or send your letter to us. We would love to show how much we love Ms. Laura.

If you or someone you know would be a great fit to teach in Carpenter's Shop Daycare, please have them contact Monica at mbessette@umcwfb.org.



ASP 2022

After two years of not going on ASP, we have returned! 15 youth and 7 adults traveled to Kana-wha County, West Virginia to work on homes to make them Warmer, Safer and Drier. It was a great trip where we all learned new skills, formed new friendships, and created a greater sense of the importance of helping others. Thank you to our church family who makes this trip possible with your prayers and support. We're looking forward to ASP 2023!



Lydia's Treasure

The goal in Lydia's Treasure has always been to offer quality fair trade, carefully chosen items, and fun finds while educating shoppers of missional and charitable organizations, thoughtfully chosen by the Lydia's Treasure board. With the disbursement of hard-won pandemic-time monies, we have sent \$3,000 to each of our 2020-2022 uniquely MKE missions: Above The Clouds (an organization that brings art, dance, and music lessons to children who would otherwise not have that opportunity), Starfish Foundation (a group that supports the mental health of Veterans and others) and Peace Learning Center (bringing peaceful resolution skills to Milwaukee area students and classrooms) and a \$1,000 tithe to UMCWFB's operating budget. Since the Mission Store, a fixture at UMCWFB for well over 30 years, became Lydia's Treasure in December 2015 – we have shared our profits with and knowledge of, over 20 different missions in the Milwaukee area and beyond. With the end of the 2022 fiscal year, Lydia's Treasure has shared over \$45,000 with a diverse group of missions: providing malaria nets, feeding the hungry, food desert gardening and after school programs. We supported mental health, battered women, homeless sheltering, unwed mothers, and more.

We want to THANK all those Lydia fans who reached out to us to suggest surprise mystery bags and then grin with delight when they curbside picked up the flamingo sparkled bags. Thanks to those who came and bought dozens of cards, ordered Hughes or Divine Chocolates, claimed quilts, asked for favorites or saw Facebook postings, and called for touchless pick-up. Thanks to those enthusiastic masked shoppers who waited at the door once the doors were opened for a chance to support mission in their favorite little mission gift shop. And I'd be remiss without mentioning Lydia's dedicated team of volunteers who are there to greet shoppers and willing to get dusty creating new displays, packing away and bringing up dozens of bins full of fun finds on "jazz" days. This \$10,000 was thanks to each of you.

THANK YOU Lydia friends – our 2022-2023 fiscal year missions will be announced soon. In the meantime – pop in – you never know what you might find. Every purchase, every day, supports mission in *at least* one way!

Lydia's Treasure
A Mission Supporting Store



Notes from the Board

The Board is studying the book, *Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World* by Kay Katan. Our first discussion centered on becoming more flexible in the ways we offer Jesus and make disciples. We asked 1) whether we spend as much time focusing on ways to achieve our mission of reaching new people as we do on maintaining our structures; 2) whether, in addition to offering online worship services, we offer relationship opportunities, classes, service, and small groups; and 3) whether we evaluate our ministries on the basis of their ability to meet their purpose to help people grow in faith? We acknowledged that we can become so invested in how things are that we lose the flexibility to envision something better. United Methodism was never meant to be a static institution; it was intended to be a movement and movements are, by nature, lean and fluid. The pandemic has created an opportunity for us to become a movement once again, but we must first become more flexible in our understanding of our church and our ministry.

Listening Sessions

We conducted six listening sessions for the congregation to hear your thoughts on the qualities and competencies we need in our new senior pastor. Three that stood out were a pastor who is invitational and can grow the church; who is welcoming, caring, and accessible to the congregation; and who models spiritual formation and empowers others to be ministers. We are preparing a document with our findings for the district superintendent and will share it with the congregation when it is complete later this month.

Priorities for the Fall

The strategic plan for the church identifies the following seven key focus areas: diversity and inclusion, invitation, hospitality, ministry, faith formation, mission and fellowship, and sets broad goals for each area. The Board then establishes short-term initiatives. Given the changes the church is experiencing, we thought we should revisit and consider revising our initiatives for the fall.

Our new priorities included the development of outreach and welcoming strategies to grow our church, revitalization of our ministries with greater recruitment, support of and collaboration with laity, and an expansion of discipleship opportunities through Wednesday Night Live and Sunday morning classes. We noted that we have laity with skills and energy to pursue these initiatives, but we do not currently have staff dedicated to all of them.

Wednesday Night Live will start on September 14 with children's choirs. Spiritual fitness classes and other activities are also being planned.

Director of Food Ministries

We agreed to post the Director of Food Ministries position as part-time with hours to be determined. Don Behrens is talking with Greg Swanberg and Ron Jordan, who held the position for many years, about the responsibilities and hours involved. We discussed short-term solutions for the fall in the event the position is not filled by the start of WNL such as caterers or ordering pizza or subs. We will also need to revive the kitchen team to help set up and clean Fellowship Hall and the kitchen after WNL.

If anyone who knows of someone who might be interested in the Director of Food Ministries position, please contact Don Behrens or Pastor Don.

Staff Retreat

The staff held a productive retreat on July 27 to discuss ministry priorities, realignment of responsibilities, and next year's calendar.

Notes

Trustees

The Trustees are trying to figure out from where on the roof the water leaking into Rm. 225 is coming from. We also experienced some flooding into our NE doors during the recent rainstorm. We will be replacing the church sign on the corner of Danbury and Silver Spring. One option is a sign like the Christ Church Episcopal church sign on Lake Drive with space for a banner beneath it. Trustees plan to begin congregational listening sessions on the Narthex design in August.

Technology

John Frunceck and Craig Walker have been assisting Anne Eversfield in reaching out and working with ShelbyNext website support to enhance our online calendar for the best user experience and functionality.

We also noted that the Wesley Room is currently the only room that supports a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting. We asked the team to look into adding hybrid capability to the Youth Room, Rm. 208, and the Chapel.

Financial Update

We ended the FY 21-22 with a balanced budget. Although our total pledge and non-pledge revenues were \$50,000 below budget, our expenses, particularly Trustee and Staff Parish, were down by a similar amount.

Pledges for FY 22-23 (actual and assumed from last year) are at \$724,571 - \$12,000 less than our pledge income for FY 21-22 and \$40,000 less than projected in our proposed FY 22-23 budget. We will revise our proposed budget and bring it and other options to back to the Board for approval this month.

Our Capital Fund, Future Fund and Properties Capital Fund stood at \$65,077, \$97,435 and \$213,507 on June 30.

Mary Paull reported that Lydia's Treasure was pleased to donate \$10,000 to three charities and the operating budget when its FY 21-22 ended on June 30.

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room.
A Zoom option will be provided. All are welcome to attend.



Our Birthdays for August

Diane	Dettinger	08/02	Emily	Stolz	08/20
Francesca M.	Dietz	08/02	Tracy	Ebert	08/20
Finley	Hill	08/02	Eric	Milia	08/20
Payton	Goudreau	08/04	Kathryn	Yunk	08/21
Art	Covi	08/05	Jeff	Schaetzke	08/22
Maxwell Xavier	Kailhofer	08/05	Alex	Hentzen	08/22
Linda	Laatsch-Lybeck	08/05	Katherine	Hermes	08/22
Carol	Kuxhause	08/06	Jan	Pritzl	08/23
Joseph	VandenPlas	08/06	Cole	Miller	08/23
Dave	Paull	08/07	Joan	Miller	08/24
Carl	Fruncek	08/09	Christopher L	Dadaian	08/24
Loretto	Steinmetz	08/10	Sandra	Broehm	08/25
Michelle	Markuson	08/10	Lori	Henley	08/25
M. E.	Jacobson	08/11	David Russell	Haecker	08/26
Marilyn	Stanley	08/11	Holly	Jefferson	08/27
Nicole	Kitchen	08/13	Barbara D.	Curran	08/27
Lara	Perry	08/14	Caryn	Blegen	08/29
John	Potter	08/15	Julie	Whitney	08/29
Kathleen	Schluter	08/15	Mary	Reeves	08/29
Linda	Korducki	08/15	Jayanth (Jay)	Suthan	08/30
Alison	Stuebe	08/15	Robin	Mosleth	08/31
Dina	Bunke	08/15	Erin	Norris	08/31
Austin	Middleton	08/16	Evelyn	Edwards	08/31
David	Sook	08/17			
Kristal	Melbye	08/17			
Lora	Miller	08/18			