

New London United Methodist Church News

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Relay For Life

The Relay for Life will be held at the New London Middle School from 5:00 to 10:00 PM on Fri., June 8. Look for folks you know who will be participating in the Relay, and help support this effort that raises funds for research to find more effective treatments and possible cures to cancer.

Day of Learning at Annual Conference

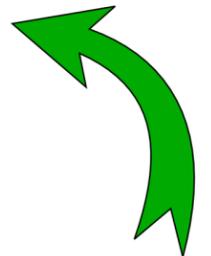
On **Mon., June 18** there is a special **Learning Day** at Annual Conference – and YOU can attend! Go to www.wisconsinumc.org and go to '2018 Annual Conference'; click on the 'Learning Day' tab. You can check out all the options and sign up to attend one morning session and one afternoon session. All sessions are held at the Marriott in Middleton, WI.

Plans for 709 Day

Wondering what "709 Day" is about? '709' refers to the physical address of the church (709 W. Pine Street) and a date (July 9 or 7/09). We're planning to invite the neighbors to join us on Mon., July 9 for: something to eat (potluck of salads, something hot off the grill, and probably ice cream); kids activities and competitions; music from RiverRocks; and an opportunity to build a mountain of food (non-perishable donations for the Community Cupboard – hopefully totaling 709 or more food items!). If the weather cooperates we'll be outside from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Otherwise we'll do it all inside the church (perhaps changing up the cooking method – or just holding an umbrella over the grill). What can you do to help with 709 Day?

Food Wagon Days

The Food Wagon needs our help. Any day(s) or shift(s) that you may be able to help are greatly appreciated. Look for sign-up sheets in Cottrill Hall as each event gets closer. June 8th Relay for Life Cancer walk at the New London Middle School; July 27-29 Thresheree in Symco; August 10-11 Symco Shake Down; and September 8 New London Cheese and Sausage Fest.



Pastor's Page

As June Begins

As June begins – the school year ends. As Summer vacation starts for kids and school staff members – a sigh of relief is heard in many communities. It has been a long school year. And it has been a traumatic year for many communities. There has been grief and protests. But it seems that no matter how many people stand up and say, “Enough is enough!” – all it takes is one person to initiate more violence.

Obviously one person can make a huge negative difference. This is not news. We already knew that what each individual chooses to do can make an impact. What matters is whether we choose to make a negative or positive impact. As followers of Jesus, and people who read the Bible, we know how one person reached out to a dozen other people, and then hundreds of other people, and then his disciples reached thousands more people as their witness re-shaped the world. What Jesus chose to do, what those first disciples chose to do, what generations of disciples chose to do, still impacts our lives today. What we choose to do can impact even more generations. May we be empowered by God's Holy Spirit to share a witness of loving kindness and creative resiliency that is modeled on the way of Jesus.

Pastor Joyce

How Do I Reach Pastor Joyce?

Pastor Joyce will be on vacation June 1-8 and at Annual Conference June 15-18. If you need to reach a Pastor during that time please call Lynette (626-242-7568) and she will assist you.



Annual Conference

Each year United Methodists from across Wisconsin gather come together to conference. This year's Annual Conference will be June 15 to 17; with a Learning Day on Mon., June 18. What will happen there? The school bags and funds for cleaning buckets that our congregation has given will be joined together with the mission gifts from other congregations at the Mission In-Gathering. The clergy members of the Wisconsin Conference who are retiring will be thanked for their years of faithful ministry. A new class of clergy members will be ordained. Resolutions will be made, discussed, and voted on. A corrected amendment to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church will be voted on. The 2019 Conference budget will be presented and voted on. Covenants of affiliation with Harbor House Crisis Shelters and Northcott Neighborhood House will be affirmed. The conference will decide if we will begin a campaign to raise \$6.8 million over three years (\$2.92 million for developing new ministries; \$2.48 million for mercy and justice ministries; \$1.15 million for revitalization of current ministries; and \$250,000 to pay for the campaign). Daily Bible study and worship services enliven each day. A special banquet celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church will help us remember how the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church came together. Sessions will be live-streamed on www.wisconsinumc.org.



Fair Time Is Approaching - August 21st-26th, 2018

The sign up sheets for working a shift and donating items for the fair are on the long tables against the wall in Cottrill Hall.

Here are Some Service Opportunities!

Greeters or Coffee Hour Host: Can you shake someone's hand and say “Good Morning” or hand out bulletins? Can you make coffee? Can you set out bake goods? Your abilities are needed. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in Cottrill Hall if you can help.

Food Pantry: The New London Community Cupboard is always looking for extra donations. Please feel free to drop off any non-perishable food items in our shopping cart. Needed items include: stuffing mix, canned chicken, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, pasta (egg noodles and elbow macaroni), cold cereals, peanut butter, jelly, cream soups, baked beans, canned corn (no creamed), tuna, mac & cheese, and canned pasta. Please be generous, the shelves are pretty bare and some of our neighbors, including many children, are hungry! If you can bring in any items we would be so appreciative, and we will turn in what we have to the Community Cupboard.

Fellowship Needs: Can you bring something for our Fellowship time: juice—all kinds; paper towels; boxes of tissue; fruit snacks; healthy snacks—like carrots or celery, fruit, nuts; applesauce; pudding cups; coffee creamers—regular and flavored; cookies; crackers; regular coffee—Folger's, Hill's Bros.; napkins. Please drop these off in the church office at any time. Thank you for your support of Fellowship!

Prayers

Please keep our Circuit NE04 Partners in your prayers: Clintonville UMC; Seymour/Cicero: New Life UMC; Center: Emmanuel UMC.

With our members or family members who are looking for work.

With all of our Service Men and Women who serve here and abroad for our freedom.

For all of our shut-ins who can't make it to church on a regular basis.

With Rose Brazil and family on the loss of her sister.

With all of our Confirmands and Graduates.



Prayer

*How to do nothing
and still think you're helping*



News from Our Library

Calling all golfers! “Golfing with God” by Roland Merullo is a work of fiction. It's the story of a former pro golfer now living near one of heaven's golf courses. He's enjoying playing the game in heaven until he's called on to play a round with God and help him out with his game. According to one reviewer “Merullo writes with wit and subtlety rather than trying to pound inspiration into our heads with a titanium driver. And, best of all, he gets the golf right.”

Submitted by: Jane Martinson

Make Your Reservation for “Always Patsy Cline”

Performances are June 22, 23, 24 and 28, 29, 30. The show starts at 7:30pm each night and the cost for a ticket is \$15.00. Call “Judy” for tickets at 920-982-6060 or email Margie Brown at maggieb1248@gmail.com. Our very own Barb Bricco is in the band.



Scrip Cards!

Meijer scrip cards are now available! The Meijer cards come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 values. We also have some new cards that have been added and still some of your favorites. Continuing to use our Scrip program has provided additional money for our church. The more we use the Scrip program the more we are helping our church. Are you going on vacation this summer? What do you get Dad for Father's Day? Check out the Scrip table. If you want a gift card for a place we don't have or stock regularly we can order it for you.

June Mission of the Month: Mission of Hope House in New London

Buck Up for Cleaning Buckets

The basic cost of a full UMCOR cleaning bucket is \$65. **We Need Your Help!** We have only collected enough to "fill" 1 1/2 buckets at time of printing. The monies collected will go with Pastor Joyce to Annual Conference. Last year we were able to supply five complete buckets. How many buckets will we have this year? Blessings of the School Bags and Cleaning Bucket Monies will be on June 10 & June 11.

Thank you to Jane Martinson for turning in our pennies for the Mission of Hope House and we collected another \$62.35.

Learn About Sewing Mission Projects

Rev. Pat Lyon will be in the Brick Room to share different sewing projects that can be used around the world. Come and learn more on Mon., June 4 at 9:00am.

Ongoing Missions

We are always collecting food for the Community Cupboard; we have our penny jar for the Mission of Hope House; and candy bars for all of the missions of the month.

United Methodist Women News

We will not be meeting in June or July. We will meet in August to start working on our Fall Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale.

We welcome any lady who might also want to work with us.

UMW Purpose: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom and whole personhood through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission in the global missions of the church.

Helping Hands

Each Monday morning at 9:00AM a small group meets at church called the Helping Hands. We may do a variety of things, a lot has to do with sewing as we have two sewing machines in the brick room (where we meet). Can't or don't like to sew, we need someone to cut material or help with other projects the church can use, maybe you have an idea. We have a lot of donated material so we can make pot holders or a prayer blankets, etc. We also have a devotional period before we begin, sometimes short, sometimes longer depending on what book we are using. We are inviting other women to join us any Monday morning, we also laugh and enjoy our time together, and hope our hands are helpful.



Need Help with Cleaning?

Are you looking for help around your house, contact Lisa Bork at 920-982-2253.

June Celebrations

If we missed your celebration - Call 920-982-4703 to let us know



Happy Birthday

Carol Schmidt	6/01
Courtney Timm	6/04
Kevin Bowers	6/06
Erik Klinzing	6/12
Lana Bodoh	6/15
Ruth Charlson	6/16
Jan Van Alstine	6/17
Sig Shaw	6/19
Carol Hatfield	6/21
David List	6/21
Cheryl Rykken	6/22
Dale Brazil	6/25
Jerry Ernst	6/25
Chuck Gorges	6/25

Happy Anniversary

Pete & Jeri Popke	6/04
Jenna & Steve Bushie	6/06
Terry & Karla Herminath	6/06
Ken & Carol Swinton	6/11
Gerry & Linda Roland	6/20
Dale & Rose Brazail	6/27



Garden plots are ready and waiting for You!!

Rent a Community Garden Plot!

Donate Seeds for Gardeners!

If you need space for vegetables to grow in full sun, or want to try a 'cutting' garden of flowers, you can rent a plot in the community garden right here at church. New London Residents are \$15.00 for 1st plot and \$5.00 for an additional plot. Non-Residents the cost for 1 plot is \$20.00 and \$5.00 for an additional plot. You can contact the Parks & Recreation Department 215 N. Shawano Street New London, WI 54961 or 920-982-8521 to reserve your spot now. Maybe you have an extra pack of seeds (they were ALL so attractive at the store!) you'd like to pass along to another gardener to plant? Bring your packets to church and we'll make them available to the people who are renting garden plots.

June Celebrations Continued

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Meet Our Confirmands

On May 20-21 the following students confirmed their faith:

Cameron Austin Behnke Born December 25, 2005; Completing 6th Grade

Favorite Scripture Verse – II Corinthians 12:9 TEV

“But his answer was: ‘My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak.’ I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ’s power over me.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God created everything on earth and God is the Creator. Jesus died on the cross for us so we can be forgiven our sins. The Holy Spirit is like all people working together.”

Sommer Alexis Roze Krull Born January 21, 2005; Completing 7th Grade

Favorite Scripture Verse – Joshua 1:9 NRSV

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God is like love. Jesus is like faith. The Holy Spirit is our teacher.”

Dylan Micheal Sherwood Born January 26, 2006; Completing 6th Grade

Favorite Scripture Verses – Luke 18:16-17 NRSV

“But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God is like a flower with honey. Jesus is like a honey bee on that flower. The Holy Spirit is like sunshine on a cold day.”

Jakob Scott Sherwood Born January 26, 2006; Completing 6th Grade

Favorite Scripture Verse – John 3:16 NRSV

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God is like the words to a song. Jesus is like music. The Holy Spirit is like rhythm.”

The Way Forward

On May 4, 2018 the Council of Bishops for The United Methodist Church concluded an almost week-long meeting. This meeting was the culmination of a prayerful two-year discernment process in which the Council of Bishops received and considered the extensive work of the Commission on the Way Forward. The Commission had submitted three plans (the Traditionalist Plan, the One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan) to the Council of Bishops for consideration. The Council of Bishops voted to recommend the One Church Plan to the Special Session of General Conference meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, Feb. 23-26, 2019. This plan provides conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context while retaining the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church. The full report from the Council of Bishops will be completed, translated into the official languages of the General Conference, and released no later than July 8. For more information go to www.umc.org for related articles that have been posted.

In a message emailed May 8 from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to Wisconsin United Methodists he writes:

I want to share my thoughts and feelings about the recent Council of Bishops meeting that ended May 4 in Chicago. It was a rich time, a challenging time, a prayerful time, a frustrating time, a joyful time, and a time of deep reflection and discernment. In essence, it was our Church as it is today, in this time and place. I don't see it as a good place or a bad place, a right place, or a wrong place. No, we are where we are; and together we work out our own salvation – and future – with deep respect and some trembling. Our Church is not of one mind or one heart; but we are guided by the same Spirit; and through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, I believe we can have a strong, lasting future of transformation and grace.

I encourage you to read the summary reports on the Bishop's recommendations, and to continue to pray about them and the Church. Prayer is the one thing we all can do; and in prayer, we trust that God will enable us to make the very best decisions.

The Council of Bishops reflects the many perspectives on the authority of scripture, the theological foundations of faith, engagement with LGBTQ individuals and communities; but in the midst of the diverse worldviews, some strong commonalities emerged. As a Council, we decided to place our trust in God and God's Church – represented in our General Conference – to do the work that is needed and to decide our best path forward.

By consensus, we recommend the One Church Plan because we feel this best honors our global and theological diversity, but keeps us closely aligned with our mission, purpose, and the four areas of focus of our denomination. We affirm and embrace the concept of a “convicted humility,” whereby we honor the strength and depth of various convictions, but acknowledge with humble grace that our positions may be flawed or incomplete. We want to respect beliefs, opinions, and perspectives without reducing every disagreement to a simplistic level of right or wrong.

As Bishops, we believe our primary role is to shepherd the whole Church, and this means we cannot simply choose one segment or focus to the exclusion of others. We will lead from our core strengths, gifts, convictions, and beliefs, but with grace, allow for differences in interpretation and understanding.

To allow the whole worldwide United Methodist Church to fully comprehend and engage with the three plans (Traditional, One Church, Connectional Conference) in native languages, the full details and legislative proposals will be translated and released no later than July 8. This will allow Conference delegations adequate time to prepare for the special session of General Conference in February 2019 to be held in St. Louis.

We agree there is no perfect solution that will satisfy everyone, but that should not prevent us from a faithful witness to the power of God's Holy Spirit to bring us to a place of unity around mission and vision. There is great need in the world and great giftedness in our United Methodist Church. We step forward in faith, knowing that God is not finished with us. We have important, vital, transformative work to do, today and for years to come.

Continue to pray, sisters and brothers, that we might truly be made one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!

Congratulations, Graduates!

We pray for God's blessing to be with our students that graduated from New London High School on May 25:



- **Jacob Duch** – son of Jeff & Karen Duch; brother to Logan, Meghan, Jessica and Alyssa Duch; grandson to Barry and Janet Duch, and Nephew to Chad Duch.
- **Garrett Heise** - son of Jon & Terri Heise; sister to Kendall Heise; will be attending University of Wisconsin White Water for Accounting.
- **Cassandra Rieckman** - daughter of Jim & Ann Rieckman; will be attending University of Wisconsin River Falls with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Chemistry and plan to become a veterinarian after college.
- **Adam Steckbauer** - son of Keith & Jodi Steckbauer.; brother to Ellen Steckbauer; will be attending UW LaCrosse for Math.
- **Chase Timm** - son of Michelle Timm and Scott Timm; brother to Callie and Courtney Timm; grandson to David and Darlene Brush; interested in Agriculture/Business but undecided about exact major so is planning to take a year off to work and decide.

Blessings on those that have Graduated from another school:

- **Melanie Baumgart** - granddaughter of Jane Martinson. Graduated from Purdue University - BS Biology and will be attending Midwestern University Dental College in the fall.

Updates to Note

If you have been in the washrooms on the main or lower level of the church building in the past month you might have noticed a few updates in our plumbing fixtures. Whereas the old toilets used 3.5 gallons of water per flush, the new toilets use only 1.5 gallons of water per flush. This is a significant savings of water – particularly during the school year when Headstart is in session. Thanks to memorial gifts that were given in memory of Stanley Cottrill and Jane Algiers we were able to make these water saving updates (at a total cost of \$2,880).

In the sanctuary you might have noticed what looks like a black post in the corner by the clavinova. This piece of equipment is an audio tower. It helps each member of RiverRocks hear how they sound individually and together. The clarity of what is heard from the audio tower helps to foster better harmony within RiverRocks and clearer sound projection to the congregation. The audio tower is also very portable and can be used outdoors. The United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women recently made generous contributions to the church's General Fund. Using a portion of those gifts, along with "trade in" credit for some old sound equipment that we were no longer using, the final cost for audio tower was \$320.

The Youth Endowment Fund is providing camperships for two young people from our congregation to be at Lake Lucerne Camp for a week of fun and fellowship in June. You might be surprised to learn that the full cost for a week of youth camp at either of our two Wisconsin Annual Conference camps is \$500. Financial assistance from local churches and/or our Conference Camping and Retreat Ministries scholarship fund make the camp experience possible for many kids and families each Summer.

June Celebrations Continued

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Meet Our Confirmands-Continued

On May 20-21 the following students confirmed their faith:

Kiara Bailey Swinford Born October 17, 2003; Completing 8th Grade

Favorite Scripture Verse – John 3:16 NRSV

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God is like the creator of everything. Jesus is like the “earth” messenger of God. The Holy Spirit is like the piece of God that lives inside us.”

Sawyer Lee Swinford Born May 9, 2006; Completing 6th Grade

Favorite Book of Bible – Jonah

“It is my favorite because he gets eaten by the great fish and survives.”

Trinitarian Simile:

“God is like a bouquet of flowers. Jesus is like a flower. The Holy Spirit is like a petal on a flower.”

