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The LINK..... Keeping You Connected

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The Road Home... Do you know what a difference stable housing can make in the life of a child?

Nine year old Antony has learning and emotional disabilities. While his family was homeless, he fell far behind in his reading level and his behavior was out of control. He could not get along with his family or other children, had little opportunity for fun, and was frequently in trouble at school.

Antony's family has been in an apartment the last six months. The family has worked closely with The Road Home, an in-home family counseling program, the school district and an after-school daycare to help Antony succeed. Because of this stability and collaboration, Antony is now reading at grade level, behaving well and getting along with his peers. Antony is reaping the benefits; he is receiving rewards for good behavior and a reading award at school. Most important, Antony is getting invitations to play at the homes of his new friends and having the opportunity to have them to his home to play in his very own bedroom.

In February, People's United Methodist Church, along with other area churches of the Interfaith Hospitality Network sheltered four families with children at St. John's Lutheran Church. We would like to thank the entire team that helped host the overnight on Wednesday, February 10th.

An evening meal was provided by:

Bonnie Bohse - provided dessert

Pat Stratton - dinner host

Mark & Julene Smith - interacted and had fun with the kids during playtime

Blair, Will & Mary Sanford - interacted and had fun with the kids during playtime

Barb Feeney - overnight host

Lois Wertz - breakfast host

Linda Outhouse - late night transportation

We are grateful for the monetary donations from Les & Mary Roys and Al & Kathy Kuehl.



People's church will have another opportunity to host the road home families on **Wednesday, April 28th.** Please consider how you

might be able to help. Call or email for information and to sign up:

Anne & Steve Staton - staton.anne@gmail.com or 835-3253

Peg Schmidt - pegschmidt41@gmail.com or 835-3049.

For more information on *the road home* of Dane County, you can visit their website at

<http://www.trhome.org>

April Mission Focus:

Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Madison

“Light the house and give them hope and a reason to smile.” It is every parents dream to see their children grow up happy and healthy.

Having a child with a serious illness or injury can be devastating to an entire family. Traveling to an unfamiliar city for treatment adds to the emotional and financial strain. Thankfully, there is Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). A safe, caring, supportive “Home Away From Home” for families that come to Madison seeking treatment, hope, a cure and sometimes a miracle for a critically ill child.

Since opening their doors in 1993, the Ronald McDonald House has welcomed over 6500 families from 47 states and 14 countries. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Madison creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Through programs like the Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, RMHC Madison is making a positive impact on some of the most pressing problems facing families today.

The Ronald McDonald House is an independent non-profit organization. All funding comes from donations by individuals, businesses and church missions. It’s only with financial support from the entire community and the generosity of over 200 volunteers that can they continue to provide this service.

Your support gives families hope and a reason to smile.



Thank you for your continued support of our missions outreach.

PUMC Missions Committee

Jeanne Carpenter, Laura Flood,
Pam McIntyre, Paul Smith,
Charlie Rowland
& Dena Wendlandt

Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
Jan- WI Blind & Visually Impaired	1464
Feb-WI Literacy, Inc.	1050
Mar-GBOD	
Apr-	
May-	
Mission Giving Year-to-Date	2514

Thru 2/21 Year to Date

General Fund	57,120.00	
Debt Reduction	7,639.00	

***Church building loan balance is \$84,939. Principal payments of \$10,000 have been made in 2010.**

***We apologize. Amounts were not available for March.**

Wisconsin Churches Continue to Give Wholeheartedly to Haiti: As of March 4th, Wisconsin United Methodist churches have donated \$322,537 for Haiti relief. Congregations have also delivered over 1900 health kits to the Wisconsin Conference office. The **Sun Prairie UMC confirmation class** packed and delivered hundreds of health kits to the Midwest Distribution Center. **To Donate:** Checks for the Haiti relief effort can be mailed to the Wisconsin Conference Treasurer for Fund #6010.

Charity for Chile UMCOR has a working relationship with the Methodist Church in Chile. Officials do not believe that relief supply kits are needed, but the agency has set up a special fund for financial support for relief work in Chile. Donations can be made online or sent through church to Chile Emergency Advance #3021178.

Financial Report all bills are paid as of 3/1/2010 with a \$12,000.00 deficit. The SPRC Committee voted to leave \$2758.00 in the 2010 budget for the Adult Discipleship Administrator which leaves the salary at the 2009 rate.

Stewardship Report As of 3/24/2010, we have received 29 Pledge Plus commitments bringing the total received to \$13,765.00. This amount is lower than previously reported due to fluctuations. This is a great step toward the \$40,000.00 that is needed. More information regarding Pled Plus will be given via e-mail and LINK articles.

Wills & Memorials First meeting will be held on 3/5/2010 @ 7:00 P.M. Locating records from 2008 and 2009 has not been accomplished due to a crashed computer. C. Clark has been working with the pastor and Sandy Behrend to get any information available.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Working on setting up liaisons for staff contacts. Continuing to work on a staff review process. C. Clark asked if an administrator is necessary for pre-school license. K. Kluz will check.

Report on Radical Hospitality Team

Welcoming Ministry - Larry Svanda
 Care and Retention Ministry -Barbara Heywood
 Reach Out /Living Our Faith - Barbara Feeney
 Areas still available on the team are Coordinating Leader, Connecting/Assimilating Ministry and Reach Out to Invite Ministry.

Health & Wellness There will be a program at the Overture Center in April on fall prevention.

Trustees Report Pastor Jon reports that PUMC will receive \$3,000.00 per child for a 4-year kindergarten contract with the Oregon School System. We have 18 children enrolled, which is our capacity. The church umbrella insurance will be increased from one million to three million.

Motion to sign contract with the school made by K. Kluz and second by K. Baker. Motion carried. Trustee Greg Schnelle and Larry Mahr signed the contract with the school at this time. Betty Mennenga reports that tax exempt status has been filed for the parsonage. Greg Schnelle will check to see if a walk through is necessary.

Leadership Development Nominations

Brandon Finch - Young Adult Rep to Council
 Betty Mennenga - Rep to Circuit Lay Group
 Jack Hoffmann - Rep to Habitat for Humanity
 Mary Malone - Coord. of Worship Work Team.
 Ladonna Smith - Wills and Memorials

Lay Leader to Annual Conference K. Baker reports that the Living Our Faith group would like to coordinate a community outreach -yet to be developed. The date they are looking at is Sunday May 23, 2010.

Other - K. Baker, I. Draper, C. Clark, P Schmidt are working on an Easter banner.

Children & Youth It was reported that more children are participating in Sunday School and Youth programs.

Young Adult B. Finch would like to promote youth activities after confirmation is complete.

Church Records

Baptisms

March 7 - Brek Jacob Kjellstrom
 Daughter of Wendy Ace & Ryan Kjellstrom
 February 27 - Margret Louise Szabo
 Daughter of Tracy & JR Szabo
 Lily Ann Davison
 Daughter of Shannon & Scott Davison

New Members - Welcome the Kenrick family!
 Eddie, Jenifer, Taylor & Madison Kenrick.

Visitors

In March 22
 Year to date 105

Average Attendance in Worship

Saturday Eve 38
 Sunday 1st Service 104
 Sunday 2nd Service 92

Pastor's Corner

I recently heard a story about a woman who went to church and wore a large white hat with matching gloves and shoes. The church was full so she had to sit in the front row. Before the worship service started an usher went to her and asked her to remove her hat so those behind her could see. She refused. In the time before worship a head usher, the president of the United Methodist Women's group, the chair of the church council and a trustee all one by one went forward and were told "no, I will not remove my hat"

The worship service started and people worshipped around her hat, and though it was a bit aggravating, all survived.

After worship the woman went to the Pastor and said, "I have been coming to this church on and off for three years. In that time I have minded my own business, worshiped and have met very few people. Today, I wore a hat that people wanted me to remove. In the ten minutes before worship I met an usher, the head usher, the president of the United Methodist Women, the council chair and a trustee...guess I should have worn the darn thing three years ago."

Just a fun reminder that we really are all ambassadors for Christ, even in the very small ways like introducing ourselves and saying hello. So, the next time you are in worship, find three people you do not know, say hello and introduce yourself.

My wife Jean gave me 60 daffodils for my 60th birthday. When she came home with the flowers they were still all green with no yellow showing. In three days with water, light and heat they were in full bloom. What a reminder of God's care for

us in the season of spring and in the seasons of life. Spring, life and eternal life are gifts from God...believe and enjoy.

Blessings! *Pastor Jon Claude*

April Poll: What I Value.

Due to a technical glitch, our poll was not up for the month of March. Be sure to visit the website and participate in the What I Value most at PUMC survey for April (www.peoplesumc.org)!

If you have ideas for future polls, please send them to peoplesumc@wisconsinumc.org. Thank you for your participation.

Summer Camp Jobs: A summer spent at the Wisconsin United Methodist Camps (www.wiumcamps.org) offers you the opportunity to gain experiences your future employer is looking for! They want to hire individuals who can work as part of a team, think on their feet and solve multifaceted problems. Join our ministry team this summer. You will have the opportunity to influence the life of a child while preparing for your future!

Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center

ATTN: Laura Hutler
W6460 Cty Hwy YY
Neshkoro, WI 54960

Video Buffs and Experts Wanted: The Wisconsin Conference UMC is looking for people who have experience and a passion for producing videos. Contact mvirni@wisconsinumc.org.

Name the Band!

Have an idea for our band name?

Submit your entry to the office

peoplesumc@wisconsinumc.org

835-3755

Entries will be voted upon in a future bulletin and winner announced!

Faith at Work: I attended the church discussion on homelessness and I thought the speaker [Anthony Gittins] was excellent. I thought he was very humble, brilliant, engaging and informative. He said something that stuck with me... that we should never refer to these groups of people as "the homeless" or "the hungry"... they are people ... men, women and children facing homelessness or hunger.

I work at Wisconsin Public Radio and we partnered with the food banks of Wisconsin for our winter membership drive. During the week I attended the class, we were in the midst of crafting the scripts (for on-air, web and promotional use) for this campaign at work.

I had written the original scripts and they were about to be submitted. They all had "the hungry" in them! I told my colleagues that I had heard the speaker at church and it was really important that we take the time to change them. We changed all of the scripts to say "people facing hunger" or "families facing hunger".

This language was heard by more than 400,000 listeners across the state of Wisconsin, tens of thousands of website visitors and read in the promotional materials that went to our 45,000 members of Wisconsin Public Radio. In short, the impact of the language change - which I learned from the church speaker - was significant. Significant to me and, because of where I work, significant to hundreds of thousands of people in our state. In short, wow. :)

Rebecca Doport

It's official...it's spring! Time to be thinking about our church gardens. There will be a short Soul Gardener's meeting on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30pm. Come to Wednesday Night Supper and then join us. We are a small



group, and would love some more people to help. You don't need to have knowledge about gardening. If you like working outside in a pretty setting, this is the group for you! Contact Susie Berg with any questions, 882-0988.

Wednesday Night Summer Picnic? Last year the Adult Discipleship group tried out an extension of the Wednesday Night Supper program. On average, 40 people joined together to share in a picnic meal. Meat was provided and grilled. Picnic tables were set-up and families or individuals brought a side dish to pass.

Our Wednesday Night Supper Crew works hard all year to plan and prepare meals for the regular season. If you would like to have Wednesday picnic's this summer, a new group of people would need to take responsibility. This can be done with several small groups, each taking a week, or one large group. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Otte (x.33) or Ladonna Smith 835-8175.

Spiritual Gift Assessment Every person is gifted by God, we have traits that are inborn, transcending our skills and abilities. Ever wonder what yours are? Take an online Spiritual Gift Assessment at www.umc.org (look under "Learn More"). This online tool is designed to introduce you to the gifts of the Spirit and find meaningful ways to enhance the effectiveness of your gifts by connecting with others through the community of faith. The survey takes about 10 minutes and your results are available immediately for you to print out. Find out where your gifts' are strongest: Compassion, Servant hood, Healing, Leadership, Teaching and Knowledge.

**Membership
Information Gathering
April 14th @ 5:30pm
Share together with a meal
& meeting to follow.**

Dear Family and Friends,



April is recognized as **National Cancer Control** month, there is a month for everything you know, and I would like to visit with you about **Digestive Cancers**. Digestive cancers are now the most common type of cancer, and combined, they take the lives of more people than any other form of cancer (25%). In Genesis 1:30, we read that originally, God gave us every green plant for food. As your parish nurse, it seems very interesting to me that **a plant-based diet** is what the experts are now recommending. Plant-based doesn't mean vegetarian, but rather a diet in which most of the calories are associated with plant-based sources (fruits, vegetables and whole grains). Today, our diet is quite different, and this is reflected in our increased disease and death rates.

What do we need to know about digestive cancers? Colorectal cancer refers to any cancer in the lower digestive tract, and is the most common site of new cancer among Americans. When colorectal cancer is discovered before it spreads to the lymph nodes, the survival rate is quite good. Experts don't know the exact cause, but most cases can be traced to the growth of polyps (which can be easily removed during a colonoscopy). Symptoms of colorectal cancer include a change in bowel habits, blood in the stool, and/or abdominal discomfort. 75% of these cancers occur in people over the age of 50. **All adults over 50 should have regular colorectal screenings (a physical, blood work, occult blood test, and/or a colonoscopy).** Other serious types of digestive cancers include stomach, pancreas and liver cancers.

My prayer is that you are able to enjoy the bounty of God's harvest and are able to eat and drink in thankfulness to the Lord (Rom. 14:6). Please contact me if I can be of any help to you or your loved ones.

Your health care partner and Parish Nurse, Susan Payne

Anyone care to join a lively group from the church who will be attending a program at the Overture Center? Dr. Andy Kosseff will be the "Opening Act" with a short talk titled, **Take Steps to Prevent Falls**. The "Second Act" of the program is a musical and is titled, **Sinatra: The Capital Years**. Sounds like a great time!

Date: Wednesday, April 7. Carpooling: Leaving the church at 8:45 AM. Cost: \$5.00.
RSVP: Contact Nurse Susan by March 31st.

The **First Monday Group** will be gathering on **Monday, April 5th** for our monthly potluck and program. Each of us knows someone who has suffered with shingles and they are not pretty stories! Cristi Archer, from Home Health United, will be giving us the **Scoop on the Shingles Vaccine**. Hear the "who, what, when and why" about this vaccine so you can be a better-informed partner in your health care. The meal is at **11:00 AM** and the program is at **noon**. Also, hear about how we will be celebrating **Birthdays in May!** Questions? Call Susan Payne, Parish Nurse.



Each Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Enjoy a mid-week break from cooking, come as you are, bring a friend, neighbor or family!

April Menu:

7th - Baked Potato Bar, Soup, Fruit

14th - Spaghetti Casserole, Salad

21st - To Be Determined

28th - To Be Determined

The last Wednesday Night Supper will be May 26th. See previous page for information on Wednesday Summer Picnics.

You may check the menu right from the calendar on our website. Simply select the date, click on Wednesday Night Supper and read the description.

Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry Update The client numbers have settled down a little from the terrific numbers in November, almost 550. I hope this means the recession is easing in our area. We are still higher than last year. This makes planning and purchasing fresh food more difficult, as there may be a larger number in March, in preparation for Easter. Thank you for being willing to help keep us supplied.

The Annual Boy Scout Food Drive will be after Easter this year. *Joyce Larson*

Food Pantry Collection at a Glance

Here are some monthly suggestions to keep the local food pantry stocked.

April..... Fruit/Vegetable Juice

May Peanut Butter/Boxed Meals

June..... Canned Veggies

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st	Uriah Carpenter Mary Wilson Rick & Sue Olsen	18th	Samantha Ihlenfeldt Grace Kiesau Nate Kuehl
2nd	Ron Olson Breanne Paddock	Kevin & Kari Borgmeyer Eldon & Frankie Jones	
3rd	Rachel Halverson Reggie Matzke Amy Weis Lauren Weis Jenna Weis Pat & Andy Anderson	19th	Lauren Iehl
4th	Liana Case Diane Newton Nancy Olsen Austin Tarkenton Rosie & Dave Fiscus Rich & Paula Legler	20th	Hannah Jacobson Karla Schmidt
5th	Ashley Jenkins Linda Kuhn Brian Rudolph	22nd	Paige Borgmeyer Nate Mahr Jean Mavis
6th	Darlene Groenier	David & Michele Beauchaine	
7th	Kelsi Bellisle Elaine Monte Riley Murphy Robin Talley	23rd	Abigail Arttus Josh Hawkey Steve Hjort
9th	Duane Draper Jim & Charlotte Clark	24th	Stacey Anderson Steven Culp Chad Moen Sean Panzer Walker Shedivy Laura Zimmer
10th	Katie Baumgartner Eldon Jones	25th	Matt Dippong Hugo Gonzalez Sharon Potrykus Mary Schnelle
11th	Frank Huehne Mia Vandermause	26th	Tyler Mavis Brandon Schwenn Dena Wendlandt
12th	Gary Elmer Dan Elmer Noah Kienitz Joan Zuhse	27th	Jen Fogel Ryan Haffele Deb Hill Reese Richardson Les Roys
13th	Chad Russell Allen & Jen Fogel	Ken & Berta Ostrander	
14th	Bill Baumgartner Ian Murphy James & Darlene Groenier	28th	Kayla Mellen
16th	Homer Bellus Jack Smith Mary & Greg Schnelle	29th	Nathan Powell Deborah Tofte
		30th	Alexis Ace
		Do you notice an error or an omission?	
		If you are new to PUMC or have not turned in an updated info sheet recently, we may not have your birthday or anniversary date! Please notify the office. Or submit your info on line at:	
		www.peoplesumc.org/info	



Easter season worship services Discover the value and significance of the Easter season beginning with an ecumenical service on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Both services are held in conjunction with our friends at Oregon Presbyterian Church.

Maundy Thursday Service

When: Thursday, April 1st @ 7pm
Where: Oregon Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Service

When: Friday, April 2nd @ 7pm
Where: People's Church
Theme: Sounds of the Passion

Easter Weekend at People's Church Service times will remain the same. The choir will sing at the Sunday 10:30am service. Communion will be served. The theme for Easter is going to be, "What stones in our life need to be rolled away." What is blocking God from coming into your life?

Sermon series: May 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23

Making Love Last a Lifetime A Fishing Expedition

Class on Wednesdays: 5/12, 19 & 26 @ 6-7:30pm. Supper at 5-6pm. Child care will be provided.

Jesus commanded his disciples to become "fishers of people." Beginning the weekend of May 8-9, we will go on a fishing expedition of its own, through a three-week study called "Making Love Last a Lifetime: Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Sex."

This special church-wide event will include worship, sermons, and small-group studies; and we are making a special effort to invite people from the community to join us. Please invite your neighbors and friends to attend.

One of the resources for the study is a survey of adults within the congregation. Adults 18 and over are asked to fill out a survey. Where can you pick up a survey? They are available in the

church office, downloadable from our website at www.peoplesumc.org/discipleship, in this LINK issue and will be a bulletin insert on April 17-18th. Please leave completed surveys in the office.

"Making Love Last a Lifetime" is based on a video-based study of the same name created by the Reverend Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The study is designed for singles and married couples. Topics include "What Women Wish Men Knew About Women," "What Men Wish Women Knew About Men," and "When the Honeymoon is Over." For more information on this special event and how you can participate, please contact Rebecca Otte or Pastor Jon.

What's in a Nametag? For most people it can be uncomfortable to interact with others whose name you don't know. This is especially true for our visitors and new members. Wearing a name tag, as simple as it may be, helps others feel at home and welcomed into our church family. Name tags are an icebreaker, and an invitation to be sociable. Wearing a nametag helps new members integrate into our congregation.

Church Mailboxes On several occasions friends will leave messages and cards for one another in the nametag/mailboxes. We are trying to use these too, as a way to keep members informed with current information. Please stop by often and while you are there, put on your nametag :)

Let's Get Oregonized! Do you have an opinion about your hometown? The Oregon Outreach and Planning group invites all people interested in the future of Oregon to share their ideas in an open forum on Sunday, April 11, 2-3pm, Oregon Senior Center. Please pick up a survey posted on the kiosk. Bring it with you to the April 11th forum, hand it in at the village office, or leave it

Follow-up to Paul Smith's preaching: Some of you asked how you can volunteer. Paul suggests Literacy Network, an organization in Madison. "There are many ways to get involved at Literacy Network. Whether you become a tutor or help behind the scenes, volunteer once a week or once a year, share your expertise or learn new skills, you find ways to contribute toward the goal of increasing adult literacy rates in Dane County!" For more details, come to the volunteer info session on April 10th, 10-11:30am or May 3rd, 5:30-6:45pm, for information go to <http://www.litnetwork.org> or call 608-244-3911.

5 Ways for helping Your Child Talk to God

School. Soccer practice. Household chores. Homework. Television. Video games.

And those are just the activities on your child's schedule. Add your own lifestyle, and finding time to pray as a family can be difficult.

"With our busy families, so many times our lives are just hectic and chaotic, going this place and that," said Betty Kay Hudson of First United Methodist Church in Lancaster, S.C. "We forget to intentionally make space for prayer."

Yet no one is more important than a parent in cultivating the importance of prayer in children. Your example and guidance can send your child's spirit soaring.

How can parents help their children talk to God? With help from Hudson and others, here are five suggestions:

1. Make prayer part of your daily life. Establishing a prayer routine will help your child develop a habit that can serve them for a lifetime. Parents often choose to pray with their children at meals or bedtime. But regular prayers also can take place in cars or gardens or playgrounds. Be flexible but consistent with whatever options you choose.

2. Know your child. Does your daughter have an artistic, creative personality? She may love singing her prayers or tactile experiences such as touching a bit of anointing oil to her hand or forehead in the morning, offering the day to God. Other children may be more open to contemplative or private prayer

3. Create rituals. The rituals can be as simple as praying for thanksgiving and safety each time the car is started, or praying when you see emergency sirens or people stopped in cars on a highway. Or it can be a special prayer or biblical verse or devotion passed down from generation to generation.

4. Lift up the child's voice. Recite "God bless" with your child, then ask who or what they'd like God to bless. A child may say a teacher, but don't flinch if the answer is "a pet turtle." This exercise is used to teach children prayers of petition.

To teach prayers of gratitude, recite "Thank you, God" together, then ask your child to name something. It could be a person, a favorite activity or even the sun.

5. Help your child create a prayer list. Children's prayer lists often include names of friends who are sick or important events in their lives. Keep the list posted in a prominent place, such as on the refrigerator. This will help to reinforce the significance of prayer.

Lest we forget, there is one other guideline that may be as important as all the rest: Pray for your children.

"You know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?"
-- Matthew 7:11.

*Hogan is a freelance writer based in Chicago. Jan Surratt writes for the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate.

Making Love Last a Lifetime - Congregational Survey

Our church is preparing for a study series called "Making Love Last a Lifetime: Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Sex." As a part of the research and preparation for the series, we invite you to complete the following survey. We expect to use the results of this anonymous survey in planning sermons and small-group studies, to help us focus on the issues and concerns that are most important to you.

Please complete your survey and return it to the church office. If you take your survey home, please return it by May 1st so we can include your responses in our planning. Thank you for your help in shaping this study series.

SECTION I. FOR SINGLES ONLY

About you

Gender: Male Female Age: 18-20 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70+

Are you: Never married Divorced Widowed

How often do you attend church? Seldom Occasionally Regularly Weekly

Are you interested in becoming involved in a singles ministry at the church? Yes No

About Love, Marriage, and Sex

If you date, or have considered dating or marriage, please answer the following two questions:

What qualities do you most admire or look for when considering a relationship with a member of the opposite sex?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is it that you find unattractive or unappealing in someone of the opposite sex?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If you are divorced, what lessons from that experience would you share with persons considering marriage?

What issues or concerns would you suggest be covered in the series that would be particularly helpful to singles?

SECTION 2. FOR MARRIED MEN AND WOMEN

About You

Gender: Male Female Age: 18-20 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70+

How many years have you been married to your spouse? _____

Have you ever been divorced? Yes No

How often do you attend church? Seldom Occasionally Regularly Weekly

Does your spouse attend church with you? Yes No

Do you pray with your spouse? Yes No

How much quality time do you spend alone with your spouse each week? _____

About Love, Marriage, and Sex

What qualities do you most admire or appreciate in your mate?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What things would you change in him or her if you could?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What things that your spouse does make you feel closest to him or her?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What things that your spouse does cause you to feel distant?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What three words would you use to describe the quality and character of your marriage?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How would you characterize your intimate physical relationship with your spouse?

How important to you is the physical/sexual part of your relationship with your spouse?

Is there anything you wish could be addressed in the series? Is there anything you wish could be said to your spouse as part of the series?

Adult Discipleship

Happy Easter! May the grace and peace of the risen Christ be with you, as in joy and hope we celebrate his resurrection. Easter shows us there is **nothing** that is beyond redemption. I hope each of you experiences the power of the resurrection in your daily lives.



Do you want to get involved? Maybe you're looking for a service opportunity. Perhaps you want to deepen your prayer life. Maybe you want to learn more about your faith, or you want to connect more deeply with the people of People's Church. If so, contact Rebecca Otte, Director of Adult Discipleship, to start something fantastic.

Some Ongoing Groups

Yoga: gentle, free, every Thursday 5:45-6:45pm (note the time change). Newcomers welcome!

Gluten Group: third Wednesday each month 5-6pm (part of Wed Night Supper).

Knitters Group: first Monday each month 6-7pm.

Adult Discipleship: second Thursday, 5-6pm.

Covenant Groups: there are several covenant groups already in place, and a new one might be forming soon. Are you interested in meeting with others about once a month to share your faith journey? Contact Rebecca for details.

Catalog coming

Keep an eye out for the April/May catalog, which will tell you some of the upcoming Adult Discipleship activities and provide you with a calendar for your fridge.

Everyday Living

This April and May we will begin a series on Everyday Living. What are the practical applications of our faith? What difference does being Christian make in how we parent, how we communicate, how we shop, how we eat?

More details are coming. Below are a few things to put in your May calendar. Is there anything you'd like to learn? Anything you'd like to teach? We welcome your suggestions!

Parenting Matters

Sunday, May 2 10:30am-1:30pm

—Facilitators: Anne and Steve Staton

—For parents, guardians, grandparents of children of all ages, to learn practical skills for common concerns.

—follow-up Wednesday, May 19 6-7:30pm

Non-Violent Communication

Wednesday, May 5 6-7:30pm

—Transform your relationships, work, and sense of self. Learn how to communicate effectively and with compassion.

Making Love Last A Lifetime

Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, 6-7:30pm

—Facilitator: Pastor Jon Claude Bartlett

—Discover concrete and simple tools to make love last

* Childcare will be provided at all events

Children & Youth Ministries

There will be no Sunday school on April 4th.

Parenting Matters - Parents, do you struggle with a particular issue in raising your children? Maybe its discipline, or setting boundaries, or finding time to talk about it. Do you want a chance to talk with and get to know other parents? Steve and Anne Staton will be repeating this Parenting class that they offered in January. The first session will begin on Sunday, May 2nd at 10:30am. This class will combine the first two sessions of the original presentation, and the class will run until 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided, and the nursery will also be open during this time. The final session will be Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00pm.

Summer Camp Registration is now open. Go to www.wiumcamps.org for more information, or contact Sue Koch. People's UMC does provide scholarships for students to attend camp to help defray some of the expense of camp for families. We are also planning some fundraisers to provide further assistance, including an upcoming bake sale. Watch for more information in the bulletin about specific dates., and please consider donating a baked good for the sale.

Junior High Convo will be April 30 - May 2 at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. It is open to anyone in 6th - 8th Grade, and is a lot of fun! We currently have 13 youth participating, and there is still time to register if your child is interested in attending. A male chaperone is still needed, so if you are interested please let Sue know. More information is available at www.wiconvo.org, or information packets are available from Sue Koch.

Confirmation News:

The confirmation class will be meeting an additional Wednesday in April to complete their final class requirements. The dates are **April 7th, 14th and 21st.**

April 25th will be Confirmation Sunday. The class will be confirmed during the 10:30 worship service. A reception will be held prior to the service in the Fireside Room to allow the congregation to congratulate and spend time talking with the confirmands.

Youth Mission Trip - We currently have 7 students registered to go our summer mission trip. We will be going to the Quad Cities in Illinois from 6/20 - 6/25. A male chaperone is still needed for the trip, so please consider volunteering!

Little Angel's Christian Preschool still has openings for a 4 year old class on Weekday mornings. Please contact Katie Grady for more information. The 3 year old class is full at this time.

Oregon 4K - Little Angels will be participating in 4k with an afternoon class for this program. At this time, the class offered is full. If you would still like to register a child for 4K, please contact the Oregon School District for possible openings at other locations.

The Road Home - Interfaith Hospitality Network: We are looking for some of our junior and senior high youth and families to assist IHN on Wednesday, April 28th. We need people to go to St. John's Lutheran Church from 6:30 - 8pm to play with the children of IHN families. If you are willing to participate please contact Sue Koch.

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Our dream is to make this church, this community and this world a better place.

We are called as a community of faith to reach out by:

listening openly, loving unconditionally and inviting all to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will share God's love through circles small enough to care for each, and large enough to encompass all.

We accomplish this with integrity, trust, honesty, respect and inclusiveness.