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CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAY'S OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2011

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When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings, especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life. In The United Methodist Church, we have six annual opportunities to share beyond our regular gifts through church wide Special Sundays with offerings.

2011

Special Sundays:

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- [Human Relations Day](#): January 16
- [One Great Hour of Sharing](#): April 3
- [Native American Ministries Sunday](#): May 8
- [Peace with Justice Sunday](#): June 19
- [World Communion Sunday](#): October 2
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Human Relations Day is one of the opportunities for United Methodist Churches to celebrate our connectional work. This day of social action and raising awareness aims to heal social ills at the national level. It supports [Community Developers](#), [United Methodist Voluntary Service \(UMVS\)](#), and the [Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program](#). The first two programs are administered through the General Board of Global Ministries.

In The United Methodist Church calendar, **Human Relations Day** happens the Sunday immediately following the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. However, you can observe Human Relations Day at anytime of the year. To give online click [here](#). The juxtaposition of these two very special days is not a coincidence. The United Methodist Book of Discipline describes the purpose of Human Relations Day as a call to "the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other."

January Mission Focus

NINA Fund

(Neighbors In Need of Assistance)

Neighbors In Need of Assistance is a fund that began in 2002 to purposely assist families with children who live in the Oregon school district.

The fund began as a cooperative effort between Oregon churches and community outreach worker Joe Sullivan to help local families who are in need of basic necessities of life. NINA offers monetary assistance to avoid eviction, and utility cut-offs.

In 2003, the first year of the fund, \$3500 was distributed to families around the community. In 2009 the NINA fund disbursed \$24000, a 30% increase over the previous year. 2009 was the highest year in giving since its inception.

No government or school district tax dollars are given to or used by NINA. The fund is entirely supported by donations from churches, businesses, and individuals. In addition, area school children have participated in many fund raising events.

The need has increased during these difficult economic times. NINA has seen an increase in need, disbursed all of their funds, and have started a waiting list.

Your donation to the NINA fund through the January mission focus will make a significant difference in the lives of families with children in the Oregon school district.

Thank you for your support of the NINA fund.



Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
Jan- WI Blind & Visually Impaired	1464
Feb-WI Literacy, Inc.	1317
Mar-GBGM-children's ministries	1330
Apr- Ronald McDonald House	1039
May- Bags of Grace Golden Cross Sunday	1400
June - The Road Home	1162
July - World Vision	1108
August - The NINA Fund	1297
1st Monday - Northcott Ministry A collection from the 2009/10 year	247
September - Second Harvest	1265
October - Casa de Misericordia Opportunity Sunday	1336 112
November - Salvation Army	1278
December - Porchlight	336
Other missions (Haiti, UMCOR)	3940
Total Mission Giving 2010	18,631

General Giving Year-to-Date is \$333,600. As of 12/15/10, we have a **deficit** of \$20,750.

We are current in paying our apportionments to the Conference.

Debt Reduction (Building) Fund Update

Thank you for your debt reduction fund contributions. A \$3,800 payment was made in December. As of Dec 15, there is just \$1,139 remaining on our loan!

2011 General Fund Pledges

As of Dec 15, 2010 you have made \$279,600 in pledges to the general fund. It is never too late to turn in your card, you can pledge on line too!

Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2010

Joint meeting with Staff Parrish Relations, Stewardship and Finance Committees

I. Devotions – Pastor Jon

II. Financial Picture -Sandy Behrend, Financial Secretary

Updated pledge figures: As of 12/6/2010:

- ◆ 96 pledges = \$273,300
- ◆ 38 not yet received: \$45,000 anticipated
- ◆ Deficits: As of 12/6/2010: 2008 = 18,504; 2009 = 8,855; 2010 (projected) 17,000. Total = 44,359
- ◆ Proposed 2011 Budget: Total Income = 379,050 Total Expense = 380,530 Net Income: = (1480)

Appreciation expressed to Sandy for her excellent work and the care she brings to her position. Noted with appreciation that Katie Grady's Mom's Day Out, Little Angels Preschool and Oregon School District 4 yr. old Kindergarten 2011 budgets were perfectly detailed and balanced.

III. Budget and Financial Plan for 2011

- ◆ Need to show the 3 components of our loan (church building, parsonage, working capital) as one: current total = \$161,300
- ◆ Church building will be paid for by end of 2010. We need to celebrate this.
- ◆ Need to do a better job of presenting budget to congregation
- ◆ 4 nursery staffing options:
 1. Staff person with a volunteer is not efficient, as it would require more of Children/Youth Di-

rector's time to recruit volunteers.

1. Nursery rarely used on Saturday evening.
2. Changed option 4 to one paid staff person at \$10/hr and one student helper at minimum wage. This would result in meeting the \$3000 budgeted.
3. Need to be in compliance with Safe Sanctuary Policy and Council will need to approve this change at the next Council meeting.

Motion approved to send budget, as presented, to charge conference with understanding Council may need to revise when 2010 financial data is finalized.

Other Charge Conference Item: "Non-Attending Children of Members" List

- ◆ Most on the list have moved away or are attending other churches.
- ◆ Church is paying \$115 per person to keep them on membership roll.
- ◆ Pastor John wants to contact each one personally, by letter. The letter would be one of care and concern, offering to connect person with another church and emphasizing he/she may receive automatic reinstatement at any time in the future.
- ◆ If no response to the letter, Jon would move the person to the "First Time to Be Listed" for removal list.

The Discipline gives the pastor authority to do this, but Jon will not proceed without approval.

Larry asked for consensus that Jon contact Non Attending Children of Members and move non-respondents to First Time to be Listed for Removal List. Approved by consensus

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IV. Dealing with past deficits:

- ◆ Borrowing against equity to pay expenses
- ◆ Holding a special campaign to erase deficit
- ◆ Making sure monies for designated funds are available
- ◆ Being open & honest with congregation about needs, where money is going, why we have a deficit and
- ◆ Putting a financial plan in place to avoid future deficits

Motion by Marshall Mennenga to address the deficit and the need for a financial plan:

- 1) Show all debts, including monies borrowed from/owed to designated funds, on the books and establish equity loan to borrow from bank for cash flow purposes when needed
- 2) Put long term plan in place to address deficit
- 3) Put balanced budget requirement in place
- 4) Hold capital drive to pay off debt by end of 2013
- 5) Leadership in expanding expectation of what it means to be a Christian

Motion seconded/approved

Motion by Dick Trexel to change the wording of 2nd point to: Put long term plan in place to address deficit by end of May, 2011

Motion seconded/approved

V. Other Item:

- Mom's Day Out Name change proposal from Mom's Day Out to Parent's Day Out

Change approved with stipulation that Logo be corrected from parents Day Out to read Parent's Day Out

Appreciation to Larry Mahr for his vision and

leadership as Council Chair. (Big round of applause!)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Malone

WORSHIP TEAM

You probably noticed changes in our worship space this Christmas. We were pleased to add an artificial tree and flameless LED candles. These gifts came to us from the Memorials Committee through the use of undesignated funds. We are grateful to those persons who gave the memorials and to Memorials Committee for helping us create a peaceful and safe place of worship.

We are humbled and grateful to all those who shared prayer requests for the Life-Giving Prayer Tree and to Betty & Marshall Mennenga for the use of the tree to cradle the prayers.

Thanks, too, to Gary Haffele, building maintenance, for his patience and all the ways, big and small, that he makes things work around here. It seems we are always asking him to change or rearrange something!

PEACE, FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

Greetings Friends, So far in 2010 year we have raised \$117.50 from the recycling of aluminum cans.



I know that we can do better in 2011. Please collect cans from your holiday and Superbowl parties and place them in the cage at the end of the parking lot.

You do not even have to crush them, it just makes it easier for me when taking them to the Madison Recycling Center. You are doing a good thing for Mother Earth and helping the church all in one. That's a win- win situation in my book.

Scott Sanford

WELCOME NEWS

FOR THOSE AGE 70-1/2 AND OLDER!

The new Tax Reform Act that was just signed into law on December 17th restores the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2010 and permits its use through December 31, 2011.

If you own an IRA and are over age 70-1/2, you may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA directly to your local United Methodist Church or any United Methodist ministry because they are all qualified public charities. If you have not taken the 2010 required minimum distribution from your IRA, you may instruct your IRA custodian to send your RMD directly to the church – because we are a qualified charity! Even if you have taken your required IRA distribution for this year, you still may find the IRA charitable rollover a very convenient way to make a gift this year. Qualified charitable distribution (QCD) rollovers to the church (or another charity) may be made anytime before January 31, 2011 to qualify for a 2010 gift.

An easy way to start an IRA Charitable Rollover is to send an email or a letter to your IRA Custodian. The reverse side of this note includes the wording for a sample email or letter. Please be sure to enter your IRA account number in the blank provided.

The following is also a link to an informational video on the 2010 IRA Rollover:

http://www.crescendointeractive.com/marketing/ira_rollover_vid.html

For more information, contact:

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

750 Windsor Street, Suite 305

PO Box 620

Sun Prairie, WI 53590

1-888-903-9863 or 1-608-837-9582

Email wumf@wumf.org

Food Pantry Collection at a Glance

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

January Canned Soup

February Bath Soap & Shampoo

The Oregon/Brooklyn Food pantry is open the last Thursday of each month from 3pm-6pm at 1092 Union Rd #8. Any Oregon resident is welcome. Bring a utility bill to prove your residency.

WOW CHURCH WORSHIP BROADCAST

People's United Methodist Church worship service will air on on the following dates in 2011:

- ◆ January 30
- ◆ March 20
- ◆ May 8
- ◆ June 26
- ◆ August 14
- ◆ October 2
- ◆ November 20

The program airs at 1:00 pm and repeats at 4-7-10 pm & 1-4-7-10 am on Charter Cable Channels 98 (analog) & 983 (digital). The digital viewing audience now includes Brooklyn, Fitchburg, Stoughton, McFarland, Monona Grove, Cottage Grove, Madison.

A big thank you to Ron Ramsden for faithfully taping our services and to Kathy Blandford for coordinating.

Membership

Information Gathering

January 12th @ 5:30pm

Come for supper, stay for a non-committal meeting.

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Jon Claude Bartlett

Greetings! I am writing this newsletter article the Monday before Christmas. It seems like the deadline for the next months article comes around faster and faster. There is a forecast for rain and snow, and tomorrow is the first day of winter....so here we are. I hope and pray this letter finds you well and rested after your Christmas and ready for a New Year.

Susan Payne our parish nurse is an important part of our congregation and ministry. When Meriter Hospital recently announced they would no longer participate in the Parish Nurse Program it brought us much uncertainty and, I would say, anxiety. We asked St. Mary's Hospital to pick up the two Parish Nurses and they have done so. Following is information from the letter they sent us.

Dear Rev. Bartlett,

I'm pleased to invite your congregation to join St. Mary's Hospital's Parish Nurse Family. Consistent with our strong commitment to community, health, and wellness, this expansion of our parish nurse program to include People's United Methodist Church is a great opportunity to enhance the health of our area's residents.

As you know, your congregation is currently supporting the parish nurse program through a formula which provides that you pay 75% of an amount calculated by multiplying the number of worked hours by \$30. With the cost of the program significantly more than \$30/hour, your parish is contributing 38% of the total cost. As part of St. Mary's community outreach pro-

gram, we are pleased to contribute the other 62% to ensure that your parishioners have available these important services.

We at St. Mary's are proud of our parish nurse program and are pleased that you are committed to continuing this valuable service to your parishioners. We also are proud of the financial commitment we have made in the interest of good health and strong relationships with area churches. In 2009, St. Mary's provided \$371,000 in support for the parish nurse program over and above parish support received.

As partners in this program, we also want to be sure we are communicating with you on your programs' budget and expenses. Here is a brief accounting of those expenses, estimated for 2011

Salary & Benefits	\$59,638
Travel, Education, Supplies	<u>1,250</u>
Total	\$60,888
Reimbursed by parish	\$23,400 (38%)
St. Mary's Contribution	\$37,488 (62%)

Thank you for expressing trust in St. Mary's to work with you on your congregation's health and health care. We look forward to our new relationship.

Frank Byrne, MD President

That is a lot of good information. Please take a moment and let Susan know how you feel about her ability to stay with us. I also would recommend that we write letters of appreciation to:

Frank D. Byrne, MD President
St. Mary's Hospital
700 South Park Street
Madison, WI 53715

Thanks for all the support and love from PUMC to me and my family.
Jon Claude

LEADERSHIP 2011

Thank you to all that are willing to serve on a leadership committee for People's Church and its congregation in 2011!

The ministry areas that each are involved with are important to the overall purpose of the church and work in the community.

Your commitment of time and dedication to serve is greatly appreciated.

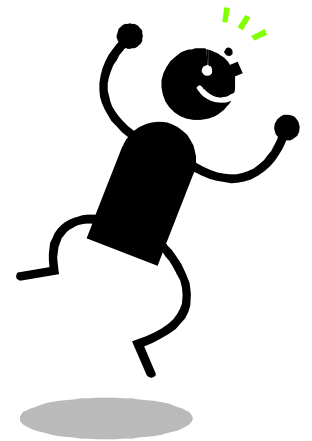
Those serving include:

Al Kuehl	Jack Hoffmann	Pam McIntyre
Al Zimmerman	Jeanne Carpenter	Pat Anderson
Allen Fogel	Jennifer Nelson	Patricia Jenkins-Bock
Andy Anderson	Jim Clark	Paul Smith
Anne Staton	Jim Shaver	Peg Schmidt
Anne Staton	Jim Waterman	Robin Talley
Barb Dietrich	Joan Zuhse	Ron Schroeder
Barb Feeny	Jodi Lien	Ron Squire
Barbara Mahr	Karen Baker	Scott Sanford
Bette Whited	Kathy Schneider	Stan Schneider
Betty Mennenga	Ken Kluz	Steve Staton
Blair Sanford	Ladonna Smith	Sue Koch
Bob Cropp	Larry Mahr	Sue McCartney
Brandon Finch	Larry Svanda	Susie Berg
Brian Powell	Laura Flood	Tim Panzer
Cathy Mellen	Les Roys	Todd Weis
Cathy Weis	Linda Cornwell	Warren Schmidt
Charlie Rowland	Linda Outhouse	Wendy Zimmerman
Charlotte Clark	Linda Svanda	
Dave Koch	Marcia Blumer	
Dena Wendlandt	Marshall Mennenga	
Diane Strohmenger	Mary Malone	
Dwayne Berg	Mary Roys	
Eldon Jones	Mary Schnelle	
Eldon Zimmerman	Megan Dietrich	
Gary Whited	Mike Nelson	
Greg Kienitz	Nadine Walsten	
Greg Schnelle	Nina Noyce	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

January		
	20	Barb Bryant
1	William Cihla	Marshall Mennenga
	Derik Doescher	JR & Tracy Szabo
	Lynne Slack	21 Shirley Koch
	Nathan Varese	Cathy Mellen
3	Linda Svanda	Nick Nelson
4	Greg Kienitz	Emily Temte
	Cynthia Majors-Culp	22 Ann Peterson
5	Morgan Machotka	23 Jack Hoffmann
	Dan Rossiter	Anthony Lindsey
	Carson Wagner	24 Rachel Angel
6	Avery Carpenter	Pauline McMannes
	Mike Hawkey	Jim Schlien
	Dana Lindsey	25 Lauren Beauchaine
	Mike Tryggestad	28 Brittani Ace
7	Erin Powell	Kim Machotka
	Holly Rausch	30 Pam McIntyre
8	Oscar Gonzalez	Neil & Nancy Denton
10	Shauna Slack	31 Dean Flood
	Danielle Slack	
	Don Soderman	
12	Casey Garton	
	Eric Graves	
	Ethan Rausch	
13	Trish Arndt	
	James Bradley	
	Cody Robson	
14	Pat & Laura Zimmer	
15	Rosann Conklin	
16	Debi Dorman	
	Tim Edwards	
	Liz Grady	
	Shirley Jones	
	Rayna Kluz	
18	Lauren Ace	
	Heidi & Dan Rossiter	



CHURCH RECORDS

New Members Received in 2010 18

Visitors

In December 39
Year to date 241

Average Attendance in Worship

Saturday Eve	32	Last year	48
Sunday 1st Service	200		127
Sunday 2nd Service	118		84

CHURCH CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED

Review & evaluate the missions and ministries of the church. Receive reports, adopt objectives, elect lay leaders, and vote on the 2011 budget.

- ♦ Sunday, January 9
- ♦ Pot Luck lunch at 12pm, bring a dish to pass.

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ITEMS LEFT IN OFFICE

The church office, often times, seems like a logical and convenient place to leave items for each other. The office is not always open when people come to pickup and, as a result, items sit around for lengthy periods of time, get moved and sometimes misplaced.

Before leaving anything, please make every effort to deliver your items to the intended person. We are not able to ensure proper delivery of anything left in the public space.

**Dan Dick,
Facilitator**

Leading Together through Effective Communication & Collaboration

For all Circuit 46 clergy, committee members, and lay leaders

Have you ever:

- Wondered why it is so difficult to get people to come to meetings?
- Said yes to serve and didn't really know what you agreed to (even after a few meetings?)
- Thought everyone was in agreement when they weren't?
- Found yourself in an argument and couldn't figure out how it happened?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, plan to spend Saturday, January 15 learning effective and efficient leadership and communication techniques that will better equip you as a leader in God's church. Enjoy presentations by Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministry, and share ideas and practical suggestions other church members.

Location:
PEOPLE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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OREGON, WI 53575

DATE:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

TIME:
9AM-3PM
REGISTRATION AT 8:45AM

COST:
\$10
(INCLUDES LUNCH: PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS)

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Dear Family and Friends,

Parish Nurse Ministry



When December rolls into January, we often think about *new beginnings* and this year is no exception. As most of you know, Meriter Hospital decided in August that they would no longer be part of the Partners in Congregational Nursing Program. For 10 years Meriter supported this ministry and we are all grateful for the benefits to our community.

This brings me back to the subject of *new beginnings*. *Thanks to the very effective* advocacy of some of you *amazing letter writers* and the prayerful intervention of so many of you *sincere pray-ers*, something nearly miraculous happened! We will now be partnering with St. Mary's Hospital as we continue to address the important issues of health and wellness here at People's Church. *I would like to thank EACH of you who supported this effort because I am so grateful to continue as your parish nurse!*

The truth is that my relationship with St. Mary's isn't exactly "new". You see, my connection goes back a really long time. My mother graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in the 1940's. She met my dad on a blind date arranged by his sister (another nursing student) on a stairway landing beneath a crucifix at the hospital. My mother gave birth to me at St. Mary's and I had my babies there as well. When I graduated in 1990 that is where I began my nursing career. So you might say the healing mission of St. Mary's was infused in my bones long ago and our current partnership seems very natural.

St. Mary's mission statement says it's commitment to health care "...reveals the healing presence of God." Through the Health and Wellness Ministry here at People's Church we have the same commitment and continue to care for each other in needs of body, mind and spirit. I look forward to another 10 years with you, the people of People's Church!

Blessings for the New Year, Susan Payne, People's Parish Nurse

The First Monday Gathering will happen on the **SECOND MONDAY of January!** This is not an early April Fools joke—it is for real. Due to a scheduling issue, we will meet on **Monday, January 10 at 11:00** for food, fellowship and a great program! **Dr. Steve Puckette** will be talking with us about **Chronic Health Problems and some ideas about ways to feel and live better**. Steve is back by popular demand—he has been with us before and is an excellent speaker! You won't want to miss this. Questions? Call Nurse Susan

Speaking of living life with a chronic condition, have you considered coming to our *Clouds and Silver Linings Gatherings*? We will be meeting again on Saturday, January 22. This small group considers the physical, spiritual and emotional impact of life-with-illness-or-pain that has become a "normal" part of your life. This is not a "woe is me" group but a small, supportive circle of folks who meet to reflect on life's gifts and challenges incorporating elements of prayer, ritual, music and/or other helpful practices. Call Susan Payne, Parish Nurse, at 835-3755 ext. 24 to learn more or to register.



Come one come all!
Dedicate Wednesday
as your out to dinner
night at People's
Church. A delicious
meal, including des-

sert, is offered from 5pm-6:30pm. A freewill offering is welcome. Invite a friend, neighbor, and family.

Are your Wednesday nights busy with sports and other kids activities? This is a perfect way to sit down together before heading off in different directions. Programs and childcare are provided after dinner, so feel free to stay and feed your soul!

January Menu:

5th	Salad Bar & Soup
12th	Chili & Grilled Cheese
19th	French Toast/Ham & Sausage
26th	BBQ Sandwiches

Gluten free options and soup are served at every meal. Desserts are always welcome!

**POETRY FROM DEVOZINE
A DEVOTIONAL FOR TEENS**

ART

The brush strokes of God
paint a perfect picture.
God's sculpture is a perfect figure.

God's architectural design
is unlike any other.

How avant-garde
to be in God's likeness.

We are God's art,
made in glorious finesse.

Shaunette, 19, New York

Pick up your copy of Devozine in the basket next to the elevator.

Bible quiz: Fill in the blank

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own _____

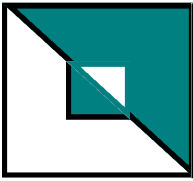
- A. ___ goodness
- B. ___ understanding
- C. ___ uprightness
- D. ___ knowledge

Hint:

The answer can be found in Proverbs 3:5



Answer: B



Adult Discipleship

Happy New Year!

This is a time of new beginnings. The days are getting longer, and the frantic pace of the holiday season is behind us. What spiritual resolution is God calling you to make this year? For best results, make resolutions that are realistic, specific, and which have some external accountability. For example, you could resolve to meet with a prayer buddy 15 minutes before worship each Sunday and pray for each other.

BLOG

Keep an eye out: we're starting an Adult Discipleship Blog! Links will be posted on Facebook and the website. Discuss New Year resolutions, ideas from classes, or questions about life and faith.

Some Ongoing Groups

Gluten Free Group: Meets the fourth Wednesday each month 5:30-6:30pm during Wed Supper.

Young Adult Group: Meet with other 25-40 year-olds to talk, have fun and make connections. Meets third Wednesday monthly 6-7:30pm.

Adult Discipleship: Meets the fourth Thursday, 5-6:15pm at the Firefly. Plan the classes, events, and groups that form adults in their faith.

Living Our Faith: Meets the first Wednesday each month 6-7pm. Plan our service projects and other ways to show our faith in our lives.

Leadership Training Day

Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministry, will be facilitating "Leading Together through Effective Communication & Collaboration" on Jan 15. See insert in this LINK for more details.

Care for Body and Soul

Body Gospel

- Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25
- 6:30-7:30pm

Work out to Christian music. A program from Beach Body. Free!

Upcoming Classes

New Faith Resolutions

- Sundays, January 9 and 16
- 10:15 gather with coffee in the Fireside Room
- Facilitator: Laura Flood
- Use an alphabet word game to set spiritual resolutions, and create your own Bucket List

Leadership Training Follow-Up

- Wed, Jan 19, 26
- 6-7pm
- Discuss and implement goals set during the Leadership Training with Dan Dick
- Come even if you missed the Sat. training!

Save the Date: Parenting Matters

- Sundays, Jan 23, Feb 6 and 13
- 10:15-11:30am

Advent Drive Success

We donated two trunks full of food to the Food Pantry, several boxes to IHN, and a dozen boxes and several pieces of furniture to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your generosity!



Children & Youth Ministries

Host a Family: Thank You!

Our annual Host a Family Giving Tree gifts were delivered on December 8th, and we appreciate everyone who participated. The giving and generous nature of our congregation made it possible to make several wishes come true for each person on the 5 family lists this year! If anyone would like a tax receipt for their donation please contact Sue Koch. Thank you again!

Sunday School: There will not be class on January 2nd due to the holiday and program.

Wednesday Evening Youth Programs for grades K - 12:

- 6-7pm unless we have an activity outside of the building.

• **1st Wednesday - Faith Exploration**

January 5th - Discussion on Advent sermon series

• **2nd Wednesday - Service Project**

January 12th - Blanket Project

• **3rd Wednesday - Recreation & Game Night**

January 19th - Bowling Night

Get your orange dot at Bill's Food Store! The Youth program receives an average of \$800 per year from your shopping receipts. The orange dot must be on the receipt to receive funds. Simply ask for a sticker at check out. Thanks to all who have participated in this program!

Third Grade Bible Mentors: The next meeting date for the Third graders and their mentors will be Sunday, January 16th, during the Sunday school hour. Also, thanks to all who participated in our cookie decorating day last month. We will have another event to celebrate Easter in April, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Sunday School Offering: The students have selected two options for their offerings this school year. Through the month of December, all offerings will be donated to the Samaritan Fund at church. Beginning in January, and going through the end of the year, all offerings received will be donated to Heifer International.

Save the date!

- Children's Christmas Program January 2nd
- ****At 9:00am worship****

C&Y Staff

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Aleksandra Martinka
Nursery Attendant

Dana Schiele
Nursery Attendant

Celeste Johnson
Nursery Assistant

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm Worship: Saturday 5pm & Sunday's 9am & 10:30am

Church Phone: 608-835-3755 Parsonage: 835-9907

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Worship Media Assistant	Brandon Finch
Adult Vocal Choir Dir./Children's Music & Drama	Amy Gonzalez
Worship & Preschool Dir.	Katie Grady, kgrady@wisconsinumc.org
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Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.