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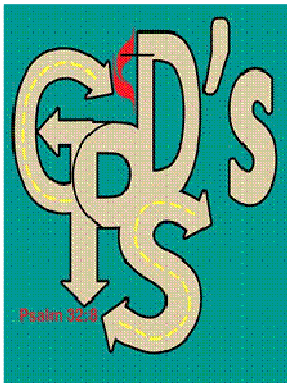
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Youth Worship Event



We will be hosting a Youth Group from the West Heights UMC in Wichita, Kansas. They are on a mission trip across the US to share their message. They will be coming into People's church on Saturday and will lead Saturday evening worship, stay overnight, lead both Sunday worship services, pack a sack lunch, and be on their way after the 10:30 am service.

Here's some of what they have to say:

"It's a God thing. It is about youth: having fun, creating a worship experience with lots of music, lots of drama and sharing their talents and gifts in Christ's name."

After each service the kids will be around to get your feedback about the service and will have cups for a free will offering to help them in their mission.

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WORSHIP CARAVAN 2011

JUNE 11-12



Mission Focus: The Road Home of Dane County

Serving homeless families with children in collaboration with local faith communities and organizations, including People's United Methodist Church, The Road Home of Dane County is committed to the empowerment and long-term success of children and families. This non-profit organization strives to serve each family with dignity and respect and help families improve their lives.

Last year, The Road Home of Dane County connected with 113 families to offer life-changing assistance. It helped these families find affordable housing and prepare for long-term success by identifying benefits for where they were eligible, helping them prepare resumes to find a job, or find a better job, enrolling children in quality day care and in school, and teaching financial management skills for budgeting and credit repair.

Private contributions account for nearly half of all program funds and ensure The Road Home continues to meet the needs of homeless families. Unfortunately, The Road Home is not yet able to reach all of the families who need its help, as 296 families - 842 people - were turned away in 2010 because of a lack of program funds.

Please consider helping the homeless families of Dane County by supporting the June Mission of People's United Methodist Church. More info:

www.trhome.org



Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
January - NINA Fund	2144
February - World Vision	1094
Mar - Second Harvest Foodbank	1170
Apr - Heifer International	1271
One Great Hour of Sharing	790
Native American Ministries	150
UMCOR - Japan Relief	1605
May - Harbor House	748
Total Mission Giving 2011	

January 1, 2011 - April 30, 2011

Income

General Giving	124,536
Other	10,636
Total Income	135,172

Expenses

Staff	39,280
Parish Nurse	14,040
Pastor Compensation Pkg	31,520
Program Expense	4,763
Building Expense	29,013
Office Expense	2,914
Audit Expense	1,700
Apportionments	16,820
Total Expenses	140,050
Difference:	-4,878

Certain expenses such as some of the Staff salaries, Parish Nurse, and Insurance are not paid evenly throughout the year. For example, Parish Nurse, above, includes 6 months' expenses. If those expenses were paid more evenly, the DIFFERENCE, above, would be a positive number. In light of that, our Giving is more than meeting our current expenses! Thank you!

Meeting Minutes

Council Minutes May 2, 2011

Present: Barbara Feeney, Chair; Karen Baker, Charlotte Clark, Brandon Finch, Larry Mahr, Mary Malone, Pam McIntyre, Nina Noyce, Rebecca Otte, Peg Schmidt, Barbara Mahr, Recorder

Opening Devotions were led by Barbara Feeney. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as changed: Brandon Finch is assigned to the June member profile

Hospitality & Connections, Member Care

Report from Hospitality and Connections: Barbara Mahr reported that statistical reports on member/ visitor attendance and participation have been created. Barbara passed out copies of the Care Coordinator job description; the team will begin recruiting these people from each ongoing group this month. Trained “Lady Bug” greeters are in place. The team will begin monthly Sunday AM coffees for newcomers in May, and are reexamining the whole connection system and membership class.

Health and Wellness: Peg Schmidt reported that the H&W Circle has been rebirthed to help relieve Susan’s load. Compression CPR classes will be offered on May 11th from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. In the fall H&W will bring us a very successful musical play about care-taking, hospice care, and death & dying.

Increase Work Beyond Our Walls

Barbara Feeney reported that a meeting between Living Our Faith and the Missions Committee has been planned to clarify roles.

Rebecca Otte reported that Service Sunday (May 15th) will have additional options this year including assembling gift jars to raise money for the Samaritan Fund. We will support the Annual Conference “Ingathering” with our May mission money and collecting requested supplies for Harbor House in Superior.

The idea of a Food Pantry related drop off/pick up fresh produce site was discussed. After some discussion, the Council concluded that we could provide a place on the north end of the garage.

Leadership and Volunteer Development

Larry Mahr reported that the Lay Leadership Development/ Nominations committee needs to meet to discuss volunteer development, and perhaps ask for expert outside help.

In Anne Staton’s absence, Barbara Feeney reported on Pastor Jon’s decision to retire in 14 months and his appointment in July 1, 2011 as our Interim Pastor. This change in appointment was not at the request of SPRC, but was suggested by our District Superintendent when Pastor Jon shared his decision to retire in 2012. When SPRC met with our Superintendent they agreed with the appointment to Interim Pastor for one year. Barbara also said that the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be leading the pastoral transition process.

Encourage Generosity in Giving and Serving

Barbara Feeney let us know that the Trustees have nothing new to report. Brandon Finch reported progress on projector problems and will create a log sheet for usage of the system that will allow him to ask clarifying questions of users when problems develop.

Charlotte Clark reported that Memorials has had just one donation since their last report

Grow the Children and Youth Programs

Barbara Feeney reported that Sunday School will be held in June this year using an active, all-child format.

Invite Adults into Faith Formation

Rebecca reported: The PBS video series, *From Jesus to Christ*, brought in some different people and the participants are requesting other related studies and videos.

The Green Fair was successful and will be followed up by a Wednesday Green Day series. Alan Capelle will lead this and also offer 3 summer field trips – two to the Baraboo area and one the Lake Michigan.

Amanda Case is considering offering a stress class again.

A summer Bible study is being planned. Brandon offered a useful tool for this.

Disciple Bible will be offered again; recruitment must start soon, and we will allow people who did not take the OT section to participate in the New Testament section this year.

Outdoor movies are being planned for summer.

A Serenity retreat featuring Yoga, Zumba, meditation and forgiveness is also being planned.

An all church camp-out is planned for August 12-14 with tents, cabins, RV spaces, and Bishop Rader Retreat Center space available.

Rebecca Otte alerted us to Alan Capelle's class on the impact on children of childhood removal from nature, scheduled for the second Wednesday in May, 6-7 pm. Hopefully many parents will participate.

Develop High Membership Expectations

We are beginning to see different people coming to things. Stories were told about new volunteers for Wednesday Night Supper.

Barbara Mahr said that the plan to revise the Connections/membership system is intended to set higher expectations for new members.

*"I am among you as one who serves."
-Luke 22:27*

Build Passion for Worship

Mary Malone provided a report from the worship team (attached) and reported that the team is considering the "House Church" idea (proposed at the last Council meeting), and clarifying what this might look like as an additional worship option. Related child care was discussed. Rebecca offered herself as a resource because of her background in liturgy.

Offering a child-centered worship service in the summer is also under discussion. Discussion with Jon is needed, and Barbara Mahr recommended that the team go to experience the Family Church in Neenah. More discussion on this topic will occur. Peg Schmidt recommended establishing an area with rocker and toys in the narthex by the Great Room windows– with a sign that says "parent and child area."

More discussion on both these ideas will occur.

The next meeting will be held on June 6th at 6:30 pm.

Finance Minutes May 12, 2011

Present: Sandy Behrend, Marcia Blumer, Wendy Zimmerman, Barbara Feeney, Betty Mennenga, and Anne Staton

- Wendy opened with a brief sharing of some communication she had with a member of the church family.
- Minutes from March meeting were approved as written.
- Financial summary: We show a negative cash flow of \$4878. April apportionments were paid on May 1st. No problems are anticipated with cash flow this summer barring the occurrence of any major unexpected expenses.
- Committee decided to remove the financial report from the weekly bulletin but also decided that the bulletin will include where interested church members and friends may find the financial information – in a monthly report that will be included in each issue of the Link and in a current up-to-date financial report that will be posted.
- Since Sue Koch has given her resignation notice SPRC is taking the opportunity to evaluate the responsibilities of the Director of Children and Youth position. No action will be taken on any areas of the budget regarding that position or changes to any other positions until SPRC has completed that process.
- Trustees are concerned about the front parking lot and the repairs they are needed. Estimated cost is about \$30,000. Finance Committee recommendation is to wait until next spring



and re-evaluate the need for repair at that time. Money to cover the work will be difficult to include in the budget so borrowing the money will need to be considered.

Loan Repayment Giving: \$9,264

Loan Balance: \$148,730

- **Next meeting will be August 11th at 7 PM.**

Submitted by Anne Staton

Summer Committee Breaks

Most committees take a hiatus during the summer months. Please check with the chairperson of your committee regarding your meeting times. Also, a reminder to chairpersons to let the office know so the meeting can be published in the weekly bulletin and calendar. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Support UMCOR's Response to the Midwest Storms

Want to help victims of tornados, flood and etc caused by the spring storms of 2011? You can by writing a check to UMCOR and indicate

Advance #3021326 in the memo section of your check.

UMCOR Products for Sale

UMCOR Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate available

For over a year, we've been serving UMCOR fair trade coffee during Sunday Fellowship. Now we're branching out! You'll be able to buy fair trade coffee at church. It's a win-win-win situation: you get fantastic coffee, the growers get a fair price for their work, and both UMCOR and PUMC get a portion of the proceeds.

Giving is an expression of love and gratitude.

“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul...there was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold... and it was distributed to each as any had need. (Acts 4:32-35 NRSV)

When my son was a toddler, he had a favorite song about all the pockets on his overalls. Whenever he lost something, we always checked all five pockets on his bib overalls and, eventually, we'd find the missing treasure!

If the Sunday offerings in your church aren't quite enough to meet the ministry challenge Christ has given you, don't give up! Keep looking! Have you checked all the potential pockets of income? Our annual income is one "pocket." It may be that up-front pocket that's most visible. But, what about the other "pockets" we might check? Have you ever considered checking the "pockets" that hold your non-cash assets when considering gifts to the church?

Did you know you can make gifts of **appreciated stock** to your church? By processing gifts of stock through the Foundation Office, you can avoid paying any commission or selling fees, allowing you to make a larger gift to the church! You also avoid paying any capital gains taxes when you use stock to make a gift.

Have you considered donating "obsolete" **life insurance** policies that might have been purchased long ago for a reason that no longer exists? What a wonderful hidden treasure!

Would you consider giving the cash saved in a **Certificate of Deposit** to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity? By making a gift with a CD, you

can receive a guaranteed annuity payment each year for the rest of your life. Call our office for the current rates.

Another "pocket" often overlooked is **real estate**. You can turn assets of property or stock into a

Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The trust will pay you 5-8% of the market value of the fund *each year* for the rest of your life. And, the church and any other qualified non-

profit charities you designate will receive a significant gift at the time of your death.

Call us for details on how we can help. That's our ministry!

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SAMARITAN SALE ON JUNE 18/19

WHAT: A sale of food items & handmade crafts to fill the Samaritan Fund (an account used to help local citizens with gas, food, & utilities)

WHEN: Sun, June 18/19th after worship services

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Bring baked or home-canned food items
- Bring hand-crafted items to sell
- shop the sale

Items can be dropped off at the church no later Than 5 PM on Saturday, or 9:30 AM on Sunday.

WHY: Jesus told us to love and help one another

“Giving is the lifeblood of happy living.”
Todd Parrish

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Overview: The 2011 Wisconsin Annual Conference will take place June 12th - 15th at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Staff, clergy, and lay representatives from throughout Wisconsin will gather to vote on delegates and petitions for the General Conference 2012, the 2012 budget, and proposed changes to the Wisconsin Conference rules. The session will also include worship, prayer, study, fellowship, ordination and commissioning, a celebration of ministries, and establishing and implementing the ministry of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin for the coming year and beyond. For more information, visit www.wisconsinumc.org and click on *Conference Info/Annual Conferences*.

Ingathering - Urgent Need for Cleaning Buckets: UMCOR's Relief-Supply Network is responding to needs provoked by severe weather in Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Missouri, Illinois, and Vermont. While health kits are in plentiful supply, cleaning buckets are needed to respond to these emergencies and the upcoming hurricane season. For information on assembly and shipping of cleaning buckets, click [here](#). Bring your buckets to Annual Conference at Chula Vista Resort. For other Ingathering information, click [here](#).

Volunteers in Mission

Wisconsin VIM Trip to Red Cliff Reservation (Bayfield, WI, June 19 - 24, 2011): This will be a repeat trip to the site to continue to serve the residents of the reservation and deepen the relationship with the Native American community. There is something for everyone to do as the needs vary from repair to ramp construction to helping with daily tasks when needed. This adult and youth trip always includes an abundance of cultural exchange. Cost is \$150.00 for the week. Co-Leaders are Joan Harvey and Bruce Koch. For

more information or to register, contact registrar Joan Harvey at 715-845-1544 or Harvey.family@frontier.com. Click [here](#) to download the registration form.

2 Spiritual Journeys Offered in October

Trip to Israel: The Reverend Dr. Rick Brewer, Director of Pastoral Care and the Chaplain at Marquardt Village in Watertown, Wisconsin, and an elder with the Wisconsin Annual Conference, will be hosting his fourth biblical journey to Israel October 23 -31, 2011. For more information, <http://www.wisconsinumc.org/eneews/Israel-050411.pdf>

Trip to Greece and Turkey:Rev. Dave and Donna Wilkinson and Rev. Linda and Mike Pliska from First UMC in Green Bay are planning a pilgrimage to Apostle Paul's Journeys through Greece and Turkey on October 9-22, 2011. All are welcome. Complete brochures are available by contacting Dave Wilkinson at 920-437-9252 or dwilkinson@fumcgb.org

A weekend honoring our Fire and Rescue Crews

June 25-26

Invite your friends to be a part of this important Ministry. This is your chance to say "thank you".

People's UMC at the Movies

September 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25

For three weekend's we will be looking at movies, their themes and how they apply to our faith.

I am looking for suggestions. Do you have a favorite movie? Call or email the office, write on the attendance pads, any way to get me your ideas.

This is a chance to invite your family, friends to come to worship with you. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars!

The next time the IHN homeless families with children will be our guests here in Oregon is the week of August 28 – September 4. We have many opportunities to help during the week they are here including providing food, hosting meals, playing with the children, providing transportation, and more. Please put these dates on your calendar and watch for more details in August. If you have questions about this church program that gives you an opportunity to actively live your faith, please contact Peg Schmidt at 835-3049 or Steve or Anne Staton at 835-3253.

Fresh Produce Drop Site at PUMC

Peoples Church is going to be a drop off/pick up site for Food Pantry clients during the growing season. Because the Oregon Food Pantry is only open once a month, some sites are being sought around the community for gardeners to drop off extra garden produce where Food Pantry clients can easily find it. The church council agreed to have a site at our church. It will be on the north side of the garage. Some kind of box or table will be there, so gardeners can just stop by any time to leave produce. This is an experiment this year, to see if enough produce is brought in to make it a worthwhile effort. Also, it may take some time for Food Pantry clients to hear about the site.

Join the Soul Gardeners, green thumb not necessary!

Nurture your soul through gardening. Who are the Soul Gardeners? They are a group of individuals who keep the church gardens looking beautiful through watering, weeding, planting, and providing TLC to our landscape. Experience a harmony between your soul and the earth. Interested in this ministry? Call Susie Berg at 882-0988.

Coffee Connect

Are you new to Peoples UMC, or not-so-new but still figuring out how you fit into the Peoples community? Stop into the next *Coffee Connect*, a mini-brunch held in the church office conference room on Sunday, July 10 between 9:45 and 10:30 AM and after the 10:30 service. We'd like to get to know you a little more in a personal setting and give you a chance to get to know us.

Offering Counters Needed

Sandy Behrend, the Financial Secretary would appreciate some additional persons to help count the weekend offering. Time commitment would be minimal. If you are interested, please contact Sandy at 835-3755 x30.

Wednesday Night Picnics

The school year is over, but that does not mean Wednesday Suppers have to end. In the last couple years, we have held picnics on Wednesday nights in June. The picnics happen if we have about four people interested in hosting for each Wednesday picnic. The hosts provide the main dish, serve and clean up. Attendees bring a side dish or dessert.

If you are interested in hosting on June 1, 8 or 15th, please contact Barb Feeney at bafeeney@gmail.com or 843.2272.

Engage children, families and the community!

Office volunteers needed the week of June 13-17

Annual conference week will be a quiet one. However, with Pastor Jon out of the office, we are in need of some people to help answer phones. If interested, please sign up on the kiosk. Thank you!

Our amazing staff...

Sandy Behrend, Financial Admin

Sandy has been a part of People's United Methodist Church since 1999. Her introduction to PUMC was through participating in Mom's Day Out. She and her family then began attending worship, and soon Sandy joined the hand bell choir, a ministry she still enjoys.

In 1995, Sandy became the Financial Secretary, which she describes as "taking care of the money coming into the church." Two years later, she added Financial Administrator to her duties, as she puts it, "taking care of the money going out." Part of her role is to supply financial information to staff and various committee members. Sandy is also part of the Finance Committee.

Sandy has been married to Dan since 1979. Dan is active at PUMC as a leader of adult discipleship classes and an occasional preacher. They have three children, Laura, who lives in New Hampshire; Nicole, who resides in South Carolina; and Brady, a student at OHS.

Sandy graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She passed the CPA exam shortly after graduating, and, over the years, has used her accounting skills in banking, public accounting, manufacturing and biotechnology settings. For the past three tax seasons, she has worked in various capacities at Mennenga Tax & Financial Service.

Sandy's detail-oriented mind is a perfect fit for her work as PUMC's "numbers person". She is committed to maintaining accurate and confiden-



tial contribution records. As Financial Administrator, Sandy's goal is to safeguard church funds, by verifying that expenditures have been approved and are reasonable, paying the bills on time, and making sure church employees are paid. Her desire is that we all can go about deepening our faith and making disciples of Jesus Christ, with the confidence that our financial gifts are respected and are being used to help us to accomplish these very important goals.

Sandy does her church work primarily from home. Please feel free to contact her there at 835-5520 or by email at sbehrend@wisconsinumc.org.

You'll be most likely to find her working at church on Mondays. You may also leave a message for her at church at 835-3755 ext30 if your concern does not need immediate attention.

Sandy's favorite scripture is **Philippians 4:4-7** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

June Treat Providers

- 4-Jun** Nadine Walsten/Jen Kramer
- 12-Jun** Amanda Case/Debby Wright
- 19-Jun** Katie Grady/Ladonna Smith
- 26-Jun** Diane Strohmenger/Pat Stratton

WELCOME

Getting to Know...

If you have children or have been at church during the 10:30 service you probably recognize Megan Dietrich.



Megan Dietrich is currently a senior at Oregon High School, where she is the student body president. She also works at People's church with the Drama Team, Drama Team Jr., and as an occasional Nursery attendant. Recently, Megan started singing in the Adult Vocal Choir. She also serves as the Youth and Children's Representative to the Church Council. Outside of the church, Megan works at Oregon Daycare, Inc as an Assistant Childcare Teacher

Megan has two little sisters who are involved in the drama team.

Submitted by Brandon Finch,

Young Adult Representative to Church Council

KATHY ITSON, ADMIN ASSISTANT

I'd like to introduce you to our newest employee. Kathy Itson has accepted our offer of employment as the Administrative Assistant. Kathy will be coming in for orientation on Friday May 27th & June 3rd. Kathy's first day of employment will be June 16th.

Kathy has seventeen years of experience in church administration within the United Methodist and Lutheran church. In her most recent position, Kathy is Parish Secretary in Racine, WI. Kathy's husband, Hap Itson is an Ordained Elder in the UMC who has been appointed to Brodhead UMC.

Kathy & Hap are excited to be moving closer to their two children who live in Madison. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys reading, knitting, gardening, and spending time with her grandkids.

Please stop by and give a warm welcome to Kathy, we are lucky to have her join our staff.

Food Pantry Collection at a Glance

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

May Boxed Meals

The Oregon/Brooklyn Food pantry is open the last Thursday of each month from 3pm-6pm at 1092 Union Rd #8.

If you would like to make donations to the food pantry, please bring items to the church and place in the bin next to the elevator.

Fresh produce/dairy donations can be accepted only at the warehouse. Please contact Linda Fuller at 835-2184 to make arrangements.

.Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

I used this scripture for my Grandmother Whyte's funeral. She was of Irish descent and had a big influence on my life. She often tried to be positive and hopeful with me when I was a child. When I wanted to write something for her funeral I thought of the Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians. He was thanking them for a gift they had given him and then he emphasized being positive and hopeful.

The scripture from Paul speaks to me about my retirement. Let me explain a few more details. Jean and I had always planned retirement at 65. At one point we talked about 62 but did not think it possible in the present economy. Last year at Annual Conference we met with the General Board of Pensions and were pleasantly surprised at the possibilities. At that time we thought, “Five more years, perhaps it is time to consider our home in Blue River, WI.” (near Richland Center and Prairie du Chien).

In the early 90's we purchased 21 acres of land from Jean's parents. At that time we cleared land, put in a well and septic, bought a mobile home, and used it as vacation property. In 1995 we purchased a larger side by side manufactured home and planned to retire there. After meeting with the pension board we decided to try and sell that house. We said “If this goes through it is a sign”. Deals fell through until a Quaker Meeting House from the area offered to buy it for their parsonage. This did not happen until late Sep-

tember. Should we wait till spring? Ok God now what? We purchase a modular house, put it on a basement and said, “Now, we have five years to get things ready”. To make a long story shorter ... God (and Jon and Jean) was working to make earlier retirement possible.

Stress is an issue for my chronic diverticulitis condition. Over the past few months I have been asking myself if I want to continue with the level of stress I experience. My answer was “no”. Jean and I spent a lot of time working on this and decided to let the Conference know of our decision to retire in July of 2012. I made an appointment with our District Superintendent, Sam Royappa. As I shared with Sam, my journey with People's Church, he suggested that an interim appointment for the last year might be helpful. People's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) did not request this, nor did they know about it until we met to discuss the idea. The Staff Parish Relations Committee graciously agreed to the idea of Interim Ministry.

What is interim ministry and what does this mean for People's Church? Well for my last year I will be working with the Cabinet (Bishop and District Superintendents), SPRC, and the Council to prepare for a pastoral change. The transition from Howard Hintzman to me was and continues to be the source of stress together. The information on pastoral change states that after a long and successful ministry without an interim, stress as we have dealt with, is always an issue and is quite normal. In fact, our transition together has been a positive and grace filled experience.

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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

June			Pat Stratton
1st	Katelynn Schroeder	Nate & Katie Mahr	
	Julie & Brian Olson	15th	Nancy Denton
2nd	Wendi Galloway		Chandra Dietrich
	Laurie Stehle	17th	Charlie Mahr
3rd	Kristie Halverson		Caroline Rusch
	Duane & Janie Froehlich		De Ette Talley
	Scott & Blair Sanford		Dawn & Mark Palmer
4th	Jon & Jean Bartlett	18th	Michele Beauchaine
	Diane Haag & Rob Meier		Taryn Boll
5th	Erica Meier		Alex Zimmer
	Steve Newton	19th	Larry & Barbara Mahr
	Linda Paddock	20th	Zach Arndt
	Lexi Szabo		Sue Capelle
	Ken & Cyndy Kluz		JJ Rogers
6th	Jeff Garton		Jayne & Dave Wick
	Jon & Jo Temte	21st	David Beauchaine
7th	Joann Bellus		Amy Gonzalez
	Barbara Cole		Lynn & Mike Slack
8th	Hans Kiesau	22nd	Kaitlyn Zimmerman
9th	Kris Jacobson		Bonnie & Skip Bohse
	Dan & Sandy Behrend		Bob & Bette Cropp
	Ron & Trishia Schroeder	24th	Jayne Johnson
11th	Gen Kaminkas		Sandi Reichert
	Jill Klassy	25th	Ed Mehlretter
	Bev Lance	26th	Darcey Varese
	Courtney & Justin Brooks		Al Zimmerman
	Nick & Jenny Nelson	27th	Taylor Robson
12th	Jeannie Doescher	28th	Kira Bausch
	Dayne Vandermause		Daryl Dietrich
	Shirley Weston		Maggie Szabo
13th	Mike & Jo Brennan	29th	Ron & Marcia Squire
	John & Marilyn Bauer	30th	Juan De Dios Alfonso
	David & Jenny Skibba		David & Jennifer Bradley
14th	Judith Huebler		
	Brian Powell		

Church Records

Births

Nikolas Schroeder
Parents Ron & Trishia

Baptism

Alyssa Rae Haslam 5/22/2011
Parents Erik Haslam & Britt Brekke-Haslam

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This interim will give us a chance to learn and help us all make the transition to another Pastor. I need this time and I believe the church does as well. People's Church has much to offer to their members, community, and next Pastor. As Paul said to the Philippians in Eugene Peterson's words: "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work us into his most excellent harmonies."

In conclusion, I am doing well. This next year should be productive and helpful. I am looking forward to growth and grace. SPRC will be asking the congregation to help in setting goals and will be talking openly with people about their thoughts, conversations, hope and dreams for their church.

Pray, Pray, Pray! God's Blessings! Jon Claude

June is Men's Health Awareness Month and I am asking the question, **Men, is your Toolbox complete?** That would be your **Prevention/ Self-Care Toolbox.**

**Parish Nurse
Ministry**



Let's consider a few things that should be in there:

A Hammer – A “basic” tool to remember the “basics” of healthy living: Fuel up with good food; Get adequate sleep; Exercise for 30 minutes most days.

A Tape Measure – A reminder to “know your numbers”: Blood pressure should be 120/80 or less; Total cholesterol goal is less than 200 mg/dl; Body fat in the 13% -17% range.

A Saw – To encourage cutting away bad habits: Limit caffeine and alcohol; Find a way to stop tobacco use if you use. (Talk to your doctor or me for ideas.)

Goggles and a Mask – Keeping protection at the forefront: Wearing gear for sports, including a helmet for biking; Using sun screen; Always using a seat belt.

A Flashlight – To help in the search for meaning: Finding satisfaction at work; Taking time for leisure; Making time for prayer, reflection or meditation.

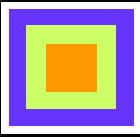
A Wrench – A reminder about the importance of strong connections: Spending time with friends; Being honest about feelings; Maintaining a healthy support system; Connecting with nature.

Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours! (1 Samuel 25:6) You can live longer, healthier lives by keep your toolbox filled with important items. Contact Nurse Susan for further information or support.

Thanks go out to our **Hands on Hearts** trainers/staff, Tom Eithun, Patricia Jenkins-Bock, Jane Jenson, Barbara Newhouse, Rebecca Otte, Peg Schmidt, and Paul Smith. **Together we trained 95 people in Compression-Only CPR (CO CPR)** in a 3-hour period at a recent Wednesday Night Supper! This reflects our PUMC mission: we are blessed to be a blessing in the world! Ask me about CO CPR. I can teach you in 10 minutes

The **First Monday Gatherings** go on *hiatus* for the summer, but be sure to mark you calendar for September, 12th, when we meet again for good times and good food! The *over-50 crowd* is alive and well at People's Church and you are invited to make this monthly event part of your plans! Program ideas welcomed by Nurse Susan!

Chronic illness is a condition or illness that usually causes us to look at life a little differently than we used to. Perhaps we must adjust our lifestyles (diet, activity) or we experience uncertainty or anxiety. Maybe we are more grateful or intentional. We are probably wiser than we were before our diagnosis. The **Clouds and Silver Linings Gatherings** are an opportunity to learn from and share with others who also have chronic illness. (Arthritis, diabetes, cancer, vision loss, neurological illnesses, for example.) We consider the challenges and savor the blessings of life. This small group meets every other month for 1 ½ hours, including light refreshments. **Our next Gathering will be on Saturday, July 9th.** Please call Susan, Parish Nurse, at 835-3755 ext. 24, to learn more or to RSVP.



Adult Discipleship

June and July, the months we long for when we're in the middle of winter. Summer is here, thanks be to God! We're celebrating the season with field trips, a bliss-filled retreat, some light reading, and getting ready for our all-church camping trip to Pine Lake. I hope you enjoy this golden time, making space in your lives for quiet and rejuvenation.

PUMC BLOG

All are Welcome!

Serenity retreat

- Fri Jun 24 6:30-8:30pm & Sat Jun 25 9a-3:30pm
- Facilitators: Jane Banning, Jo Tempte and Rebecca Otte
- Suggested donation: \$20

Get your bliss on with yoga, Zumba, personal reflection time, meditation and a reflection on forgiveness. This is your chance to soak in the calm and peace of summer, to get back into your body, and to have fun.

All-Church Book Read: *Screwtape Letters*

- Sundays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 9am.
- Facilitator: Dan Behrend

Pick up this thin book from C.S. Lewis, a fictional work composed of 'letters' from one devil to another. Explore Christian theology from a different perspective this summer.

Summer Field Trips

Explore Wisconsin's natural wonders with Alan Capelle, teacher with over 25 years experience.

Saturday, June 18

Spend a day near Baraboo, visiting Natural Bridge State Park, Baxter Hollow, and Pewit's Nest. We'll carpool, bringing a sack lunch and returning by 4pm.

Saturday, July 16

Full day trip to Lake Michigan, learning about Wisconsin's glacial history. See a 214 million-year-old petrified forest! 8am-8pm.

Saturday, Sept 24

Half-day trip to the Aldo Leopold Shack.

Children are welcome.

Interested in a class but can't make it in person? Heard something in a sermon that touched your heart? Join in the discussions at pumctalks.blogspot.com

Service Sunday

Gather Sunday, June 5 for our second annual Service Sunday, part of the WI UMC Change the World weekend.

We take this Sunday to be the hands and feet of Jesus in service to the community. There are MANY opportunities, including those who are physically limited, families with children, and those who want to do more physically demanding work. There are even opportunities for those who will be GONE that weekend!

Sign-ups are on the table in the narthex. We're aiming for 100% participation this year.

We will gather at church for a brief prayer and send-off at 9am. All activities will be finished by noon, most will finish earlier. **Please note, there will be no 'regular' Sunday services on June 5.**

Coming this Fall

All-Church Camp-Out, Aug 12-14, 2011

RVs, tents, cabins, or the hotel-like Bishop Sharron Rader Retreat Center. Pine Lake has a spot for everybody. Come have LOTS of fun. Programmed and free time include worship, swimming, hiking, and more. All are welcome, invite your family members, neighbors, and friends.

Please contact Rebecca at rotte@wisconsinumc.org for more information.



Children & Youth Ministries

Thank You to All Our Program Teachers, Mentors and Volunteers:

Dan Behrend, Deb Bossingham, Jeanne Carpenter, Barb Dietrich, Allen Fogel, Jill Garton, Amy Gonzalez, Katie Grady, Diane Haag, Krista Kienitz, Ken Kluz, Dave Koch, Sue McCartney, Bill McIntyre, Jonna Powell, Artie Ramos, Holly Rausch, Jamie Rogers, Roberta Rusch, Blair Sanford, Peg Schmidt, Jennifer Skibba, Ladonna Smith, Jon Temte, Robin Talley, Cathy Weis, Dena Wendlandt, Kelsey Zimmerman, Wendy Zimmerman.

Summer Sunday School Schedule for June:

• June 5th:

Service Sunday - there will be projects for the students during the Sunday school hour.

• June 12th:

In worship to experience a unique mission project of the West Heights United Methodist Church from Wichita, Kansas. Come join the Youth Worship Caravan 2011, and learn about "God's GPS"

• June 19th & 26th:

Group activities outside, weather permitting.

Vacation Bible School will be June 13 - 16th. Registration is now open, forms are available on the kiosk. VBS will be an ecumenical event with St. John's Lutheran and Holy Mother of Consolation. VBS will be from 9am - 12pm, and is open to all children ages PreK - 6th Grade. If you are interested in helping with VBS we need you! There are many opportunities: Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Snacks, Shepherds, Carnival and Nursery help. This can be whatever fits your schedule, help once, a few times, or all week. Please see Sue for more information.

The Road Home:

We are expanding our service project from May. The children and youth attending Vacation Bible School will be making "Move In Kits" for the families in the program that transition into housing. Items that are needed include:

- **Soap** - Dish Soap, Laundry detergent, Bathing soap, Shampoo (including ethnic hair products), etc.
- **Household Cleaners** - kitchen & bathroom cleaners, furniture polish, bleach, etc.
- **Paper Products** - Towels, Toilet Paper
- **Wash clothes/sponges**

We will be collecting these items through June 12th. Thank you for your support!

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June 13-16, 2011 ■ 9am till Noon St. John's Lutheran Church

Ages: PreK - Grade 6 ■ For Grades 5-6, several off-site service projects.
Registration Deadline: June 1, 2011 ■ Return form/payment to any host church.

Hosted by: People's United Methodist Church,
Holy Mother of Consolation Catholic Church, St. John's Lutheran Church

NAME(S) Of Children Attending and any Teen/Adult Volunteers	GRADE Just Completed	CHURCH Community We Attend	T-Shirt Size							
			Youth XS	Youth S	Youth M	Youth L	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL

* PreSchool Children must be potty-trained and have turned 3 by January 1, 2011.

Cost: \$12 for 1 Child, \$24 for 2 Children, \$30 for 3 or More Children. Please make ALL checks payable to: St. John's Lutheran Church. No family will be turned away for inability to pay! See checklist below to participate in this event.

Parent Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Special Needs, Helpful Notes: _____

YES! We would like to help make VBS a success! We're able to (check any that apply)...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff the Nursery (infant - Age 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Registration, June 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in Kitchen, Snack Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Prep Crafts at Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with MUSIC Center** | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with GAMES Center** | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with CRAFT Center** | <input type="checkbox"/> Help at Carnival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with STORY-TIME Center** | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Daily Skits | <input type="checkbox"/> Guide Age-Groups to Centers (no formal teaching) | |

** If you sign up to help lead a "center," all lesson plans and materials will be provided for you! We invite and encourage all teens (7th-12th Grade) to help as well. A family carnival will be held on Thursday evening to end the event.

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Stewardship Chair	Scott Sanford
Hospitality Coordinator	Barbara Mahr

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.