



ALGOMA BOULEVARD UNITED • METHODIST • CHURCH

Mission Statement: *As the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church family of faith, we will help people experience God through...transformational worship, lifelong learning, inspiring music, life changing service and passionate witness*

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Mission Coins

For many years, ABUMC has supported the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Zambia. United Methodist missionaries Paul and Roxanne Webster founded the project in 1995 to help the Lunda-Ndembe tribe, who had a 50% infant mortality rate and life expectancy of fewer than 35 years, mainly because of poor nutrition.

The project originally focused on increasing protein, minerals and vitamin components in the diet and teaching basic agriculture. Throughout the past few decades, many amazing advancements have been made at the center. Milking cattle, hens, goats, sheep and fish are being raised. Maize, soybeans, hemp, cabbages, bananas, tomatoes and other vegetables are harvested. Tools and implements have been added. A daycare center was built. Countless people have been empowered and have learned how to farm the land and support their families.

Roxanne passed several years ago and Paul has recently retired, but their legacy continues to live on. During September, the coins we contribute during the offering will support Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre.



Let's PARTY!

It's back-to-school time, so let's welcome our Read School friends by throwing them a party! From 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, we will have fun activities in the church yard to welcome the neighbor kids back to school. We need lots of enthusiastic ABUMC folks to help with setup, games, crafts, handing out popcorn and cleanup. It's always lots of fun for the kids AND us!! Please contact Lisa-Marie and let her know you want to take part in this cool outreach, connections@abumc.org.





Sunday, September 11th - Join us at the Fair!

Have you ever shown at the County Fair? Did you win a blue ribbon? What exhibits do you love to see when you go?

We see fresh grown produce, beautiful flowers, and delicious baked goods. There are art projects, crafts, wood working, and countless things people have made.

People bring the best of what they've made. They have given their time and talent to make show-quality items.

As we think about a new year in the life of the church, consider what it is that you have given your time and talent to do as you serve God. Think about what you can bring as you explore faith, spiritual growth, and taking action in new ways to love God and to love all of our neighbors.

Worship with us at 9:00 in a more casual setting with the band, or at the 10:30 service with the organ and a more traditional liturgy.

Between services join us at the fair!
Bring in the best of what you have to offer!

Do you have an amazing zucchini or a huge pumpkin? Are there flowers in your yard you could arrange and bring? How about the best pie ever made? Do you have a quilt that you've made or some other handwork to show? Bring your famous cookies or bars. Do you make fancy cakes? Bring one! Paine Hall will be set up so we can all see (and taste) the amazing talent we have at church.

Bring your best!

There will coffee and lemonade to go with your baked goods along with fair favorites like popcorn and sno-cones.

Since we're celebrating 150 years as a congregation we'll be playing old fashioned games, have some old style music, and share in lots of fun together.

If you have an old car, park along the back fence in the parking lot and we can all check it out.



How will you bring your best to church this year?

Meal Ministry Calendar

These are the upcoming dates for our free community meal ministry. We serve from 5-6 p.m. in Paine Hall. All are welcome!

- Sept. 12 and 26
- Oct. 10 and 24
- Nov. 14 and 28
- Dec. 12

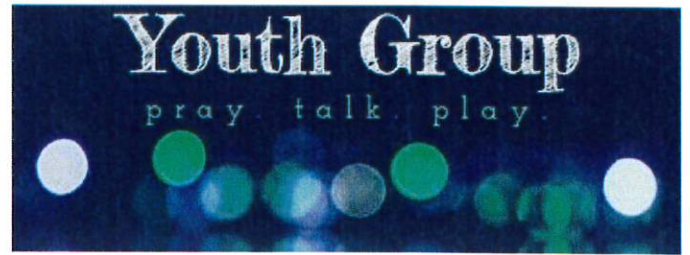


Social Justice Book Group

Starting Wednesday, September 7th
at 5:45 p.m.

This is an online discussion group.
Contact the church office for the Zoom link.
920-231-2800 or admin@abumc.org

The next book is, Climate Courage by
Andreas Karelas. Copies are available in the
church office if needed.



Junior and Senior High Youth
Wednesday Nights
6:45-8:15 p.m.
Starting September 14th



Groceries? Gas Cards? Gift Ideas?

If you would like to order any gift cards from the SCRIP program, Anne Fields will be placing an order on September 11th with delivery on Sunday, September 18th.

Send your order details and check (made out to ABUMC) to:

Anne Fields
1675 Deerfield Dr.
Oshkosh, WI 54904

Also, you have the opportunity to individually sign up with ShopwithScrip.com to reorder or reload cards without waiting for Anne to place the order. If this interests you, please let Anne know and she'll guide you through setting up your account so that ABUMC benefits from the rebates of your purchases.

On July 19th, it was announced that Pastor Cathy has taken on the role as the chair of the Order of Elders in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is in addition to her appointment as the pastor at ABUMC.

Below is part of the letter that was sent out.

*Greetings,
The season of clergy leadership change is not only felt within the local church setting. It also impacts the larger connection and its Boards and Agencies. The Board of Ordained Ministry is not immune to change or the shifting call of its members who listen for the direction of the Holy Spirit.*

After eight years as chair of the Order of Elders, Steve Scott has stepped into the role as board secretary for the remainder of his term on the Board of Ordained Ministry, which will expire in 2024. He will remain on of the Board's Executive Committee.

Effective July 1, 2022, Cathy Weigand has stepped into the role of the chair of the Order of Elders and joins the work of the Board's Executive Committee.

Please join me in gratitude for these two clergy colleagues whose giftedness and passion strengthen the Board of Ordained Ministry's ability to serve the clergy of The Wisconsin Conference.

*Blessings,
Krysta Deede
Board of Ordained Ministry, chair*



How it Works: The Short Version of Local Church Leadership

What is the leadership structure in the life of the church? How does ABUMC do the work of administration, mission and ministry?

The Administrative Council is the governing body of Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church. It consists of a chair person, the chair people of all of the committees, 2 lay leaders, and at-large members.

The team works collaboratively to set the direction and frame the work of the church.

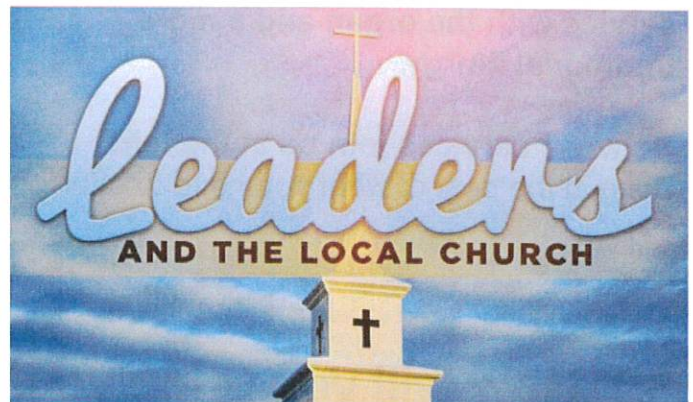
Our leadership committees include:

Administrative Council Chair: Ryan Ames
Lay Leaders: Sheri Graeber, Anne Fields

Chair people of other committees:

United Women in Faith: Sandy Butcher
Mission: Anne Fields
Finance: Andy Irvine
Stewardship: Kelsey Nelson
Staff Parish Relations: Sara Dobish
Trustees: Steve Zehner
At large member: Don Nelson

Leaders are invited to serve 3 year terms, so that we can continue to grow leaders and share the work of discerning and living out God's call in the life of the congregation. Questions? Ask Pastor Cathy or one of our leaders.



Adult Classes Starting Soon!

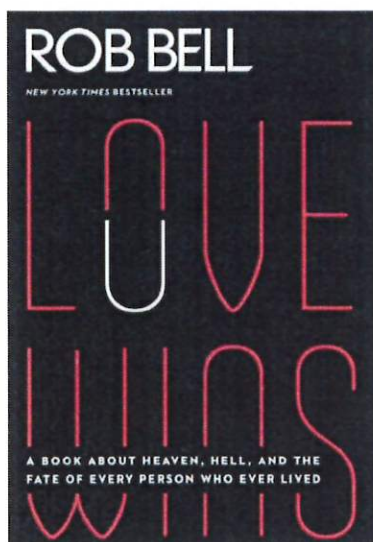
Tuesday Bible Discussion Group

Led by retired pastor, Keith Wolf

beginning September 20th

6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Meet at the church.



*"You have heard
it said ...*

*but I say to
you..."*

(Matthew 5).

Have you ever questioned what the Bible says and what it means?

Midrash refers to a rabbinic mode of interpretation of the Bible. The word itself means "study." Jesus engaged in midrash, which explores the multiple translations of the text, the multiple perspectives of the readers, and the multiple levels of meaning - from the surface-level meaning of the literal words, to deeper/metaphorical meanings, to life applications, to hidden mysteries waiting to be revealed.

We will be using the book, **LOVE WINS**. In this book, author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance.

Order your book at local or online book sellers or check availability at your local library.

Living the Questions

Led by Don Nelson

Living the Questions is a practical way to approach theological reflection with depth and breadth. This study uses interviews of some of the most provocative and authoritative voices of Christianity to begin powerful conversations.

The class is designed to introduce some of the best contemporary theological thought using video, written material and open-ended discussion questions that give people permission to wrestle with many of the questions that are too often ignored or avoided in many churches today.

In addition to current voices like John Dominic Crossan, Sister Helen Prejean, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes, Minerva Carcaño, Diana Butler Bass and Brian McLaren, we'll also hear from writers and thinkers who wrestled with these same questions centuries ago.

Classes can be offered 2 different times to meet people's schedules. Please contact the church office for your preferred class time in order of preference. Class size will be 6-10 people in order to facilitate good discussions.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.,
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Materials will be handed out at an introductory session at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th. Contact the church office if you can't be there and we'll get you caught up. admin@abumc.org



United Women in Faith

Mission U

Members of United Women in Faith attended Mission U through four Zoom meetings during July. The adult curriculum “Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13” was the study topic.

During each session, we explored two passages and what it meant to the people of Jesus’ time and what it means for us today. Pastor Anna-Lea Hunter was our study leader, and we were able to connect with members throughout the state.

Summer Luncheon

United Women in Faith hosted a potluck luncheon Aug. 3rd, 2022. The food was great, and the conversation was wonderful.

Thanks to everyone who could join us. We are planning to do this again. Stay tuned!

Day of Celebration

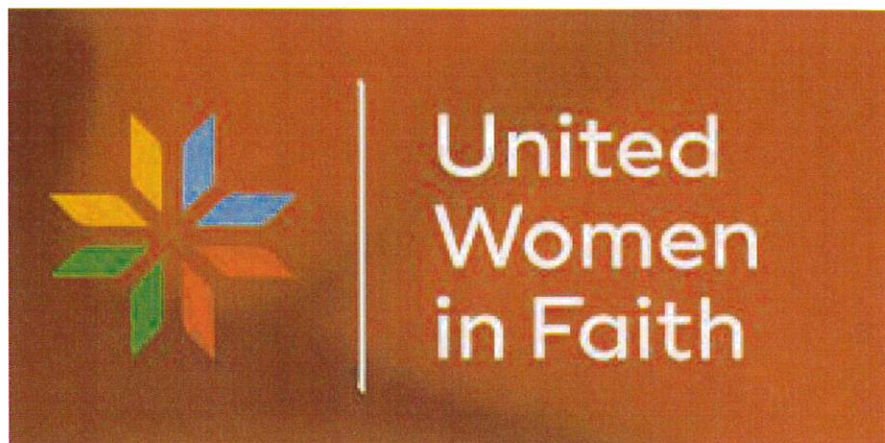
The Northeast District of United Women in Faith is hosting a “Women of Faith” Day of Celebration on Sept. 17, 2022, in Suamico, Wisconsin. Wisconsin Conference President Gloria Carter will be with us. Our guest speaker will be Heidi J. Careaga, United Women in Faith Board of Directors Finance Chair. Also, Pastor Anna-Lea Hunter will serve communion and close the day.

Fall Potluck

Sept. 19 will be our fall kick-off meeting. The potluck meal will begin at 6 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., Molly Yatzo Butz, executive director of the Day by Day Warming Shelter, will be our featured speaker. A short business meeting will be held after the program.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Mark your calendar!

— Sandy Butcher



ABUMC Merch!

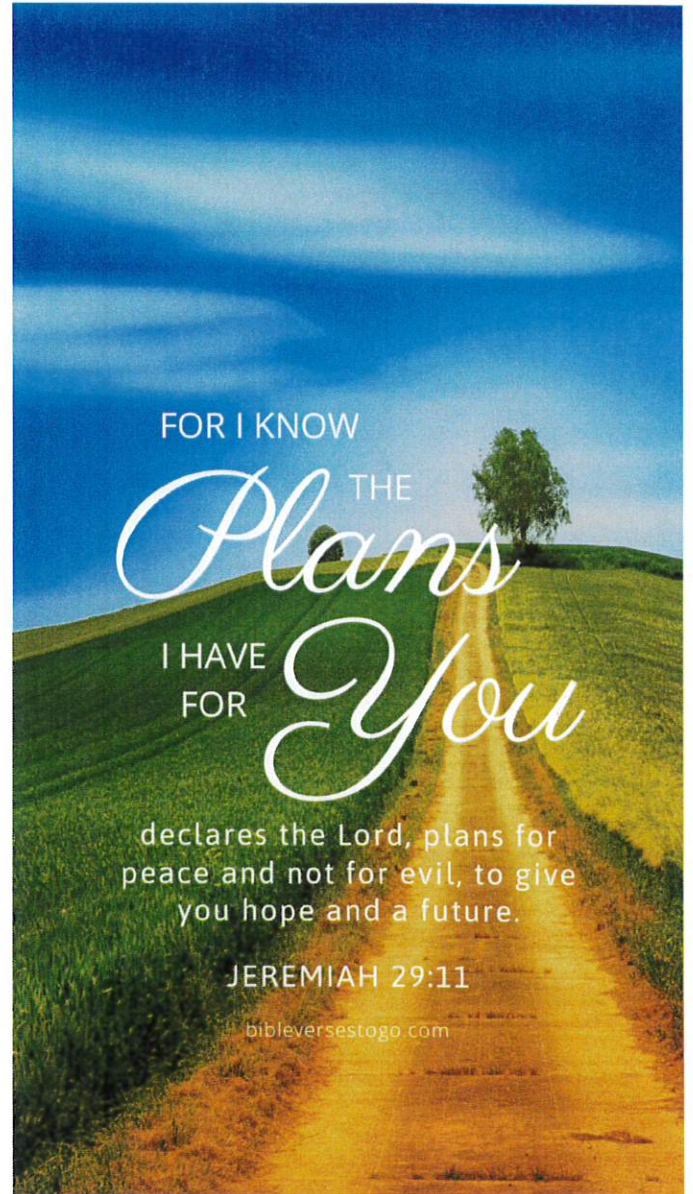
Get your
ABUMC tee!

We'd love for everyone
to have one.

Wear them when you
serve in the community
or just to let people
know who we are!

\$10 each

See Lisa-Marie



HELLO 
September