

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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Can RTFV Help You?

Falls among older adults are the leading cause of death in Wisconsin, and the number of adults turning 65 will multiply exponentially over the coming decades. The Fall Prevention initiative makes safety modifications to help older adults age in place in their home.

ABUMC has a small team who have been volunteering with Rebuilding Together Fox Valley and we would like to help our church friends who could benefit from the Fall Prevention initiative.

- Have you fallen in your home?
- Are you concerned about falling?

Get help now to stay in your own home longer.

Rebuilding Together Fox Valley can install:

- Grab bars
- Bathtub transfer benches
- Anti-slip adhesives in bathtubs
- Toilet seat risers
- Night lights

To Qualify:

- Must reside in Oshkosh, Neenah, Menasha, or Appleton
- Must own and live in the home.

This initiative is free of cost thanks to generous funding provided by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. Installations are completed by trained volunteers and/or a Rebuilding Together staff member.

Reach out to Lisa-Marie or Paula Condor for more information about having improvements done to your home or to be added to our team of Rebuilders!





Loose Coin Offerings for 2022

Each month a different mission project is named as the recipient for any coins given in the offering plates during worship. People are also welcome to give a donation beyond their coins by designating “Coin Mission” on the offering envelopes or under the “Giving” tab on the church website.
www.abumc.org/giving

As a result of your generosity, ABUMC was able to support these ministries.

Red Bird Mission School	\$255
https://redbirdchristianschool.org/	
Harbor House Crisis Shelters	\$205
https://harborhousecs.org/	
UMCOR - Ukraine	\$260
https://umcmmission.org/umcor/umcors-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/	
Mercy Ships	\$300
www.mercyships.org	
Bashor Children’s Home	\$170
https://bashor.org/	
ZOE Empowers	\$290
https://zoeempowers.org/	
Damascus Road	\$175
https://damascusroadproject.org/	
Mujila Falls Agricultural Centre	\$140
https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/15016a/	
HAPI - Hatian Assets for Peace	\$ 95
https://www.haitianassets.org/	
UMCOR - HurricaneResponse	\$ 90
https://umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/	

Capital Campaign Updates

Praise God! The estimated total giving for the Capital Campaign is just over

\$460,000

over the next three years.

Please be praying as we move through the giving years of the campaign;

- that people can find purpose in their giving.
- that we seek new ways to be generous as we serve God.
- that new people may feel the work of the Holy Spirit at ABUMC and commit to all that we can accomplish together for the long term care of our building.



Catching up on building maintenance allows us to continue growing mission and ministry as well as sharing space with other organizations.

The Trustees are gathering bids for the boilers that heat the Sanctuary and Paine Hall. They have talked to the city about when the road/sewer project bill will come due (not for some months), they have received names of companies who do tuck pointing. The team is getting updated bids for projects and are beginning the work of prioritizing which projects happen first.

February Coins

Second Mile Giving for Restoration and Healing

for the Boy Scouts of America

“... and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.”

Matthew 5:41



As you may be aware, the Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy relief in 2020, overwhelmed by a lawsuit involving allegations of child sexual abuse related to the Boy Scouts program as far back as the '60s. The United Methodist Church became involved because of their long-standing relationship with Scouting troops in their churches. ABUMC hosted a troop in our building for many years. The denomination committed support to the Survivor Trust Fund with \$30 million. The amount allocated to the Wisconsin Conference is \$208,096. During the month of February, the coins placed in the offering basket will go to this trust fund.

Please be in prayer for healing for the survivors of child sexual abuse, their families, and for their daily struggles.

Operation Not Alone

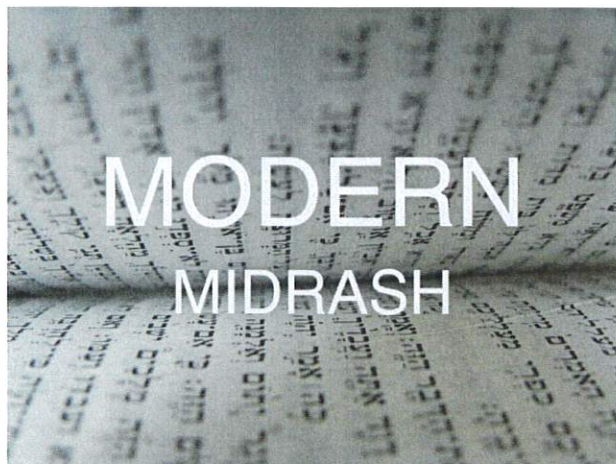
Operation Not Alone Inc. is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Sturgeon Bay and based in Sturgeon Bay and New York, whose mission is to give our service men and women support and encouragement by sending them heartwarming care packages. All packages are put together with tremendous care and love. Every soldier will receive a handmade fleece blanket specific to his or her branch of service in the military, much needed supplies to use during deployment, and a slew of cards and letters from all types of community members. The goal of ONA is to make sure that no one feels alone during deployment and that each and every soldier comes home to warm and open arms. No soldier will be forgotten and our nation's bravest will feel our continuous gratitude.

Operation Not Alone needs care package supplies such as:

Beef jerky, protein bars, oatmeal, granola bars, ramen noodles, chicken or tuna packets, and pre-packaged snacks or treats. ABUMC will be collecting these supplies during the month of February, and they should be placed in the missions collection bins in the hallway.



TUESDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP



Scripture Discussion Group

Begins March 8th

Meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Fireside Room

Led by retired pastor, Keith Wolf

Midrash refers to a rabbinic mode of interpretation of the Bible. The word itself means "textual interpretation", or "study", derived from the root verb *darash* (דָּרַשׁ), which means "resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire, require."

Midrash 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. Jesus engaged in midrash. We see this for example when he is teaching and states, "You have heard it said ..., but I say to you..." (Matthew 5).

Each week, we will dive deeper into the scripture passage from the past Sunday's worship service and also explore the questions for reflection from Sunday's bulletin. If you missed the Sunday service, come anyway. No book to purchase. No homework. Just come when you can and bring your favorite Bible.

CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE

MARCH 10, 2023



Evergreen Retirement Community needs volunteers to serve in many capacities.

Transporting: Assist residents in wheelchairs to get to activities such as church services at Evergreen on Wednesdays and Sundays, in addition to helping them attend musical events at Evergreen.

Activities: Assist with activities like bingo, nail polishing, other games and crafts that occur weekly.

Manor Mart: Sort and stock items for their thrift store located at Evergreen, that time frame consists of Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

Contact Pam Sengstock at Evergreen Retirement Community 920-237-2126 or call Lisa-Marie 920-231-2800.

Wonderful Winter Camp

I think everyone who attended will agree that we had an awesome time at Winter Camp, January 6-8 at Lake Lucerne in Neshkoro. The weather was crisp and dry and perfect for a nice hike through the beautiful, quiet woods around the lake, for those who cared to venture out. Some of the “kids” even made snow angels on the lake! A nice roaring fire was always available for anyone who wanted to cozy up with a book or gather for conversation in the lodge. Most of the time at Winter Camp is completely unstructured and every camper is welcome to do as they choose. We had some fun games, lots of laughs, great chats, good food, and a nice, relaxed closing worship on Sunday. We all voted to schedule camp again for next January and we highly recommend you give it a try! Not sure what it’s all about? Ask one of this year’s campers!

