

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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HUGE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE MAY 13-14!

**The ABUMC Church Rummage Sale will be held
May 13 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and May 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Proceeds will benefit Winter Camp and church capital projects.

Help is needed during the sale with two-hour, four-hour and eight-hour shifts available:

- Wednesday, May 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. to move items from the basement to Paine Hall.
- Thursday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to unpack boxes and set up.
- Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14 during the sale.
- Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., to pack up.

Helper sign-ups may be done on the church bulletin board, in the church office or by calling Sandy Butcher at 920 426-3114 or Jim Barthel at 920-573-2811. For those able to help with daytime presale pricing and sorting from now until the sale, contact Sandy or Jim. If anyone can help with publicity, signage sales experience or has other rummage sale skills, contact Sandy or Jim.

The absolute cut-off date for any additional donations is May 2, 2022. Only special things will be accepted, as we already have a surplus of items. Unless someone steps forward by May 2 to coordinate future church rummage sales, this will be the last one.



Capital Campaign

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Irvine has prayerfully agreed to lead the upcoming Capital Campaign.

We are grateful for her energy and passion for this project as well as the many years and many ways she has served in the life of this congregation.

Her skills and talents are a great match for the work we are embarking upon.

Please be praying for Nancy, along with Pastor Cathy and Rev. Jason Mahnke from the Wisconsin UM Foundation, who will be leading us, along with several teams, through this project.

Over the coming weeks, we will be recruiting leaders for the steering committee, volunteers, and others to help pull it all together. We trust God's call as we move toward our goal of nearly \$500,000.

If you'd like a preview of the projects or the initial reports from the Foundation, they are available at church. There are videos on our website that share information about the projects we plan to accomplish as well as the ministry we do as a result of those projects. New videos are added each week.

People will be available in Paine Hall to discuss the projects and answer questions, as well as give in-person tours of the projects.

May 15th 9:30-10:30, 11:15-12:00.

May 19th 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Drop in when it works for your schedule.



Congratulations Confirmation Class and thanks to their mentors.

(From left to right - Evan, Logan, Alex, Garrett, Kellyn, Henna, Hannah)

Confirmands

Kellyn Zehner

Evan Numrich

Garrett Kesler

Henna Kaiser

Logan Eroh

Hannah Dobish

Alex Dobish

Mentors

Sarah Thompson

Andy Irvine

Craig Blumer

Sherry Millette

Richard Graeber

Lisa-Marie Wesenberg

Deb Nelson



The night the confirmation class toured the church building, for reasons unknown, they all flopped on the floor in one of the Sunday School classrooms and put their feet together...

Road Construction

During road construction on Algoma Boulevard (likely until November), our parking lot is being used by a variety of people.

We have invited any neighbors who can't get to their driveways to use our lot.

When Algoma Boulevard is fully closed, there is no direct access to Read Elementary School, so they will be using our space for drop off and pick up.



We suggest you avoid the lot right before and right after school. Please use caution when you are at church. We will have lots of kids coming and going.

In our continued efforts to love God and love all of our neighbors, this is one more way that we can share God's welcome and love.

Look for the added signs on the entrance and exit signs and think about how we can invite people to experience God's presence when they are driving through.



A View from the Pew by Jim Barthel

*Dear Church Family and Friends,
Jim has attended ABUMC for more than 30 years. He often stops in the office and asks great questions. I asked him to start writing them down, so that we can answer them for everyone. He graciously agreed. Here are some of his musings, questions, and thoughts. More to come next month.*

Thanks Jim!

Pastor Cathy

Each week Pastor Cathy includes a "things for us to consider doing" challenge at the end of her sermon. And, each week I ponder what I should do. Usually I find something upon which to take action. But, generally, I pick one of the easier things. However, the others tend to nag at me until the challenges of the next week seem to eliminate those from the past. At the same time I feel closer to Christ. Why does this happen? I really don't know. How about you?

Jim

THE OPEN DOOR LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The printer has stopped working. Does anyone have advice or who has an old one to donate?

So far the computer, also very old, and program are still working. If we buy a new printer (\$\$\$), we will have to buy a new computer (\$\$\$) to work with it and a new software program (\$500). We cannot justify the cost of new equipment.

Searching for information and entertainment has been shifted away from printed books by technology. But the library is still used by United Methodist Women, Social Justice Discussion Group, students of religion and children.

Hardware we have been using:

- Konica-Minolta, Page Pro 1350W, XP & 98 compatible, with toner. Rollers will no longer pull paper through.
- Dell, Microsoft, Windows XP. Stand alone, no connections to Office or Internet

Questions/Answers/Suggestions, please call Jan at 920-479-6016.
Thank you.



INSIDE THE OPEN DOOR

On your mark...

Get set...

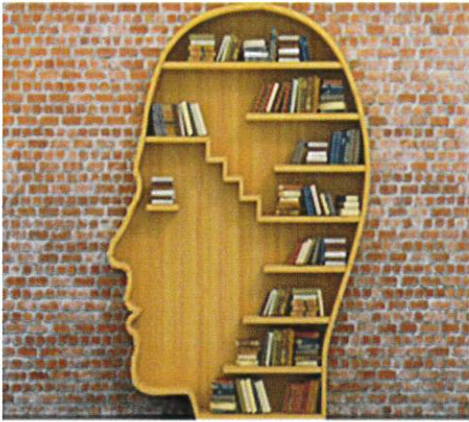
READ!



CHILDREN:

- The first book is for good readers. It gives more detailed information and illustrations that help envision the text. *Jesus, the Man Who Changed History* (J232.9 Don) is interesting because it tells about the land and the people where Jesus lived. It also explains more about laws and leaders of Israel. It mentions why Jesus had to die. Meryl Doney is the author.
- *The Miracles of Jesus* (232.9 DeP), by Tomie dePaola, is located in the Jesus box or on the children's table. The one-page story of each miracle is retold from the Bible and illustrated by DePaoli. Details in the illustrations show actions that may have happened. Good for listening or reading.
- I've always enjoyed the reminders in the book, *All the Colors We Are* (J612.7 Kis) by Katie Kissinger. The pictures of so many children playing together remind me of when I served as a teacher. The pages show the children playing many games. How many of them do you play?

- With *Celebrate the Fire Within* (J Fic Lar), by Kathy Larsen, I thought it might be about when disciples and other people were so excited about telling the story of Jesus that they felt like they had a fire within that they had to share with everyone. Nope. It is about participants in the Olympic Games. Have you ever felt like you were bursting and warm inside about something you had accomplished by working hard? This book tells about similar feelings that Olympians shared as they compete for the winning positions in their sport. This story is about children participating in winter sports just like you might do. Enjoy!



Adults:

- *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo. (305.8 Dia). The subtitle explains her focus: "Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism." White fragility is characterized by anger, fear and guilt and behavior of silence or arguing. She gives examples of defensive conversations and color-blinded statements and discusses how white supremacy is reflected in

them. Ms. Diangelo has had many years of experience in multicultural education and racial and social justice.

- *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones (277 Jon). Subtitle: "The legacy of white supremacy in American Christianity." *Publishers Weekly* says it's "a blend of historical accounting and soul-searching reflection." Booklist says his research shows how "deeply racist attitude have become embedded in the DNA of white Christian identity." Jones is a leading scholar and commentator on religion and politics. He urges white Christians to embrace racial justice.
- *Lost and Found; Bible Trivia for the Searching Soul*, by Tamela Murray (203 Mur) is an old book. The pages are even turning a little yellow. But don't be discouraged; it might be the very thing you need to pep up game night or a program. There are 30 Bible quizzes to test your scriptural knowledge and memory. Most questions are multiple choice and the answers are at the end of each chapter with the Biblical source. (Personal Note: I did not do well on the ones I tried!)

Have a nice spring and summer. You can still check out books from the Open Door during vacation time.

— Jan Nash and Rachel Benton

May Coin Mission

During the month of May, the coins we drop in the offering basket will make their way to the Mercy Ships organization. Globally, 5 billion people lack access to safe surgery. Children, teens and adults suffer and die every day from treatable causes, and one child in eight will die before age 5.

With the support of donors, Mercy Ships deploys hospital ships to combat this overwhelming statistic. Because more than 50% of the world's population lives near a coast, their ships are the best way to reach them with excellent medical care.

State-of-the-art floating hospitals enable the volunteer surgeons and medical professionals to provide lifesaving surgical procedures in a safe, sterile environment — with clean water, reliable electricity, and a monitored care center. They are bringing hope and healing to places where it was previously out of reach.



Pancake Breakfast :)

It has been so wonderful to gather together again to worship our Lord. To sing praises, pass the offering basket and smile at one another. We invite you to a celebration of community on Sunday, May 15, with a pancake breakfast! Breakfast will be served in Paine Hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Those who worship at the 9 a.m. service may plan to eat afterward, and those who worship at 10:30 should plan to eat beforehand. Pancakes, sausages, muffins and fruit will be served. We look forward to getting reacquainted with one another!

May Meal

Instead of the last Monday of the month, our free community meal for the month of May will be held on **Monday, May 23**, from 5-6 p.m. in Paine Hall. All are welcome! Had a rough day? Funds are tight? Just don't have the energy to cook? Let us take care of it! Ask a friend to join you.

After the May meal, we will be taking a break during June and July and resuming this outreach on August 29.

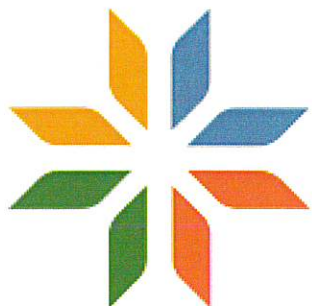
Mission Action Day

April 9, 2022, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Women in Faith organized a virtual program for Social Action Day. The topic was "A Time to Connect with our Wisconsin Native American Sisters." The speakers included Candi Cornelius who has been working for the Oneida Community Health Center as the Prenatal Care Coordinator; Beverly Scow, assistant director of Wise Women Gathering Place; and Kristin Welch, founder and executive director of Waking Women Healing Institute Inc., Wisconsin Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women DOJ Task Force member, and Family Impact co-chair. This was a very informative morning, and definitely reinforces the idea that social action is needed. Please check out the Native American Maternal Mortality Video on youtube @ <https://youtu.be/jOYeqQoJF1I>

We were encouraged by the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, general secretary of the General Board of Church & Society, to contact our U.S. senators and urge them to support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (S.4) and the Freedom to Vote Act (S.2747).

Easter Cards

Thank you to Judy Burton for making the beautiful Easter cards for our ABUMC shut-ins. We really appreciate you for the lovely cards you continue to provide for our members.



The Teachers' Closet

The Teachers' Closet Inc. in Oshkosh is requesting games, puzzles, craft supplies, children's books and normal supplies you would find in a classroom. April 30, 2022, was their latest Donation Day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 240 W. Ninth Ave. Your United Women in Faith support this with an annual monetary donation. We also selected items donated to the rummage sale that could benefit this work. Please keep this important organization in mind when shopping for school supplies or when making financial contribution decisions.

Personal Dignity Kits

The United Women in Faith is once again collecting items to assemble Personal Dignity Kits for the Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering 2022. Each kit should include: 1 - bath hand towel, 1 - bath washcloth, 1 - adult toothbrush, 1 - 3-4 oz. bar of soap, 1 - 15-18 oz. shampoo, 1 - 2-3 oz. deodorant. All items should be new and placed inside a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag marked "WAC Kit." A \$2 donation for a razor and toothpaste also is requested. Please consider donating these items or a monetary contribution by May 30, 2022. Please place items in the narthex collection box at church.

— Sandy Butcher

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