

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*

abumc.org June 2022



Hail Graduates!

Emily Kaiser: Oshkosh West High School. Will attend UW-Oshkosh

Jada Clark: Oshkosh West High School. Will attend UW-Oshkosh

Elizabeth Bohlman: UW- Platteville, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering

Colin Mihalick Gutow: College of Wooster, Bachelor of Arts in computer science, minor in mathematics

Ashlynn Numrich: UW-Oshkosh, Bachelor of Science in biology

Geordan Mihalick Gutow: Georgia Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in robotics



June Coins



Bashor Children's Home is a United Methodist facility in Goshen, Indiana, that serves troubled children. Their campus has grown over the years to include housing, education and counseling for kids who've suffered sexual, emotional and physical abuse, for kids in the juvenile justice system, and kids with substance abuse challenges.

The coins we contribute to the offering basket throughout June will help the staff and volunteers to continue their amazing work to offer a life of hope to these children.



Mission for Children

During the month of June, we will collect toys for children and teens at Children's Wisconsin-Fox Valley Hospital. The idea for this new mission came to us from Paul Raspel, who collected toys for hospitalized kids when he was in the Army.

A hospital visit or stay can be traumatic, especially when children are in pain or if the treatments they need are invasive and uncomfortable. When you donate a new item, you support a child's healthcare experience by providing comfort and distraction to normalize the hospital environment.

We are asking for donations of brand new, **small** toys such as action figures (no violent themes), Legos, individual Matchbox cars, books, baby nooks or teethers, etc. No large playsets, just individual toys or small packaged sets.

Following are items that are NOT accepted: Beanie Babies, fast food meal or vending machine toys, dollar store toys, trading cards.

Place your donations in the mission shelves in the church hallway.



Community Meal Program



We began our free monthly meal program in August 2021. It has been impossible to know how many individuals we will serve from one month to the next and the numbers have fluctuated. We have averaged about 30 people per month since we began. During the summer, we will take a two-month break during June and July. When we resume in August, we hope to expand and serve more of our community members. Thank you to all our volunteers and donors!

SCAM ALERT!!!

Beware of scam campaigns.

It has been brought to our attention that fellow members have been contacted via a scam campaign. Pastor Cathy will NEVER ask for monies, gift cards, or vital information via text or email. Do NOT reply to any requests. If you have further questions, please contact the church office at 920-231-2800.

Thank you ~ Pastor Cathy

Let's Ride!



On April 26, a few individuals from ABUMC attended a day-long training session at Evergreen Retirement Community as part of the Cycling Without Age program. Led by a member of Wisconsin Bike Fed, we were reminded of biking rules and safety tips and taught how to pilot a trishaw bike.

Cycling Without Age is a movement started in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help the elderly get back on their bicycles, but he had to find a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw, and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

Cycling Without Age brings the amazing feeling of riding a bicycle to those who are not able to pedal on their own. Wisconsin now boasts having more Cycling Without Age chapters than any other state in the country.

Stay tuned for photos of our pilots with some of their passengers!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The North East District held a 2022 Retreat on Saturday, April 30. "I Love to Tell the Story," an interactive event, was held at Appleton Emmanuel Church. Their United Women in Faith provided our morning sweets and coffee then a great luncheon of salads and casseroles. The day ended with ice cream cones!

Spiritual Growth Coordinator Barb Mamerow presented "I Love to Tell the Story" with a wonderful program throughout the day which combined scriptures, humor and a skit with her sister. Attendees shared special individual purse stories.

The North East District's next in-person event will be the 2022 Day of Celebration and Leadership Forum Sept. 17, in Suamico.



United
Women
in Faith

Rummage Sale

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way with the ABUMC rummage sale. It takes many hands to put together this large event. So, thank you! Many hours were worked to prep the donations, set up the sale, coordinate the volunteers, work the sale and wrap up the remaining treasures. About \$2,500 was raised for Winter Camp for families and parish capital projects.



It is always wonderful to have people visiting our church. Church members, neighbors, shoppers from past sales or new faces — it was quite the weekend!

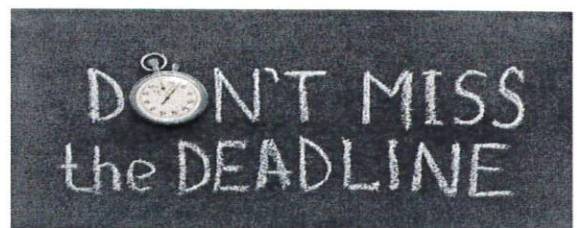


Mission U

Mission U is coming this summer. Come join us for a time of sharing and bible study. We are gathering together in person as well as on our computers to learn about and think about the parables that Jesus shared with his followers. These stories made people reflect on their lives and relationships. As we learn about the cultural context and the expectations in their time, we connect the meaning from then and relate it to our lives now. Cultural details change; human motivations endure and speak to us today as it spoke in the era of John Wesley at the beginning of the Methodist movement. It speaks to us today.

Study Leaders for Mission U 2022 are Pastor Anna-Lisa Hunter, Pastor Anita Lang, Pastor Carlos Careaga, and Alice Staley.

The Zoom class will be held on four evenings: July 12, 14, 19 and 21. The in-person class will be held July 28, 29 and 30 at Christ United Methodist Church in Watertown, Wisconsin. Contact Sandy Butcher for additional information.



Reminder Circuit Rider Deadline
Is the 15th of the Month



Please keep our youth and chaperones in prayer as they prepare for the Youth Mission Trip, June 5 -12, 2022

Thirteen youth from ABUMC and The Family Church of Neenah will be traveling to Kentucky to serve the community of Elliot County.



Are you interested in learning more about Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church? Contact Pastor Cathy at pastor@abumc.org or 920-231-2800 and we'll find a time that works for all interested persons to meet.

There will be several classes and conversations about the history of the church, the vows of membership, and how people can actively participate in the mission and ministry of ABUMC.

It is a great way to get connected with others!

Our Sympathy

Please be in prayer for the family and friends of Glenn Steinbrecher who died on May 17th. Services were held at the church on May 25th.

June is Pride Month

"Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ)

Pride Month is

celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan.

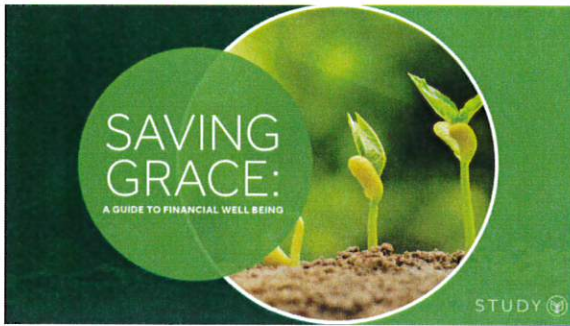


The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible.

In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally."

(from the Library of Congress)

Part of the ABUMC Welcome Statement reads... *Regardless of age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical abilities, we affirm the right of all people to be a welcomed and beloved part of the body of Christ, and active participants in the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church family of faith.*



Would you like to feel free from your ongoing financial problems?

Do you need to deal with conflict about money in your relationships?

Do you want to get out of debt?

Do you struggle achieving your financial goals?

Do you have trouble sticking to your budget (or figuring out how to have a budget)?

If you could use help with any of these areas, the Saving Grace class can help!

If you are interested in this class, contact Pastor Cathy at pastor@abumc.org or call 920-231-2800 and ask to be added to the contact list. When we have a group of people ready, we'll find dates and times that work for everyone.

Classes will be offered over 5 sessions, with a follow-up. You need to participate in every session. Sessions will be about 90 minutes. If child care is an issue, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Cost of the class is \$10 per person - scholarships are available.

We recently finished a class with 11 people. Here's what they had to say.

"I feel grateful that I had the opportunity to take Saving Grace. It was the first experience where I had in-depth financial advice without a salesperson trying to sell me a product. I felt I could ask our teachers honest financial questions without shame. Overall I feel smarter about how I manage money now and I have a plan moving forward."

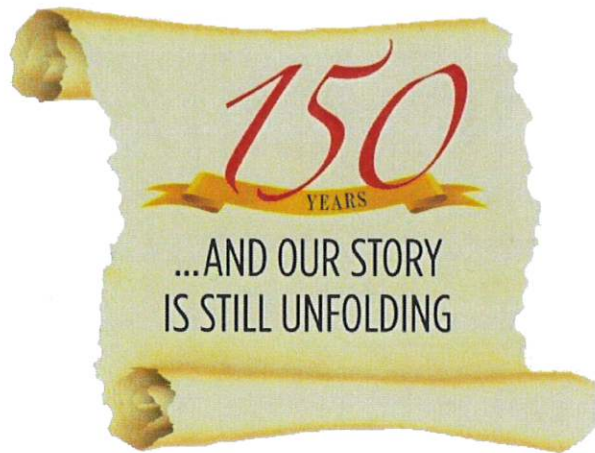
" I never realized there were so many people in the same confusing place as me financially. It is comforting to develop a cohort of support as I work to get out of debt."

"I have made so many changes along with my husband who didn't take the class. He has been great with the changes we are making to be able to save, give more, and pay off a loan in 2 months instead of a year."



Thanks to the Trustees and all of the volunteers who helped do the work of weeding and mulching, picking up, and making the church lawn beautiful.

Make sure to notice their hard work next time you're at church and take a walk around the building. It is beautiful!



We begin 6 months of celebrating our church's 150th Anniversary in June, leading up to our 150th bash in December. Each month there will be a celebration remembering our history and imagining the future of ABUMC.

On Sunday, June 12th, worship will be led by Joan and Laura Deming, daughters of the church.

Rev. Roy Deming served as the pastor at ABUMC from 1958 to 1968. Joan, Laura and their siblings spent 10 years growing up in the neighborhood and have countless memories of their time here. Laura and her husband, Jack, have retired to Oshkosh.

In addition to celebrating our history, they will be partnering with the United Women in Faith and celebrating the impact their mother had. Maribel Deming was actively engaged in social justice work at multiple levels and lived her life in service to God's call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

Join us as we engage our history and are called to remember the saints of the church who have called us to love God and to love our neighbors.

Capital Campaign Update

If you missed out on recent tours of the proposed building projects included in the Capital Campaign, please contact the church office set up a time to take the tour.

Nancy Irvine, has agreed to serve as the campaign chair person. Pastor Cathy and Nancy recently met with Rev. Jason Mahnke from the WI UM Foundation who will be leading us through the campaign.

We are in the process of recruiting leadership and will begin preparing teams to launch into the work of the campaign.

This phase is known as the quiet phase and will give teams time to work and be ready to launch the public phase this fall.

We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary as a congregation this year. This campaign helps ensure that our building is ready for the next generations of mission and ministry.

Community Service Complete!

Do you remember that some windows were broken last fall and the young person who caused the damage was giving time in service to the church to take responsibility for his actions? He did it!

We are so proud that he took responsibility, served well, connected with several church volunteers who helped him serve, and learned about the church. He told his friends all about it.

We're going to miss our time with him, but will continue to see him in the neighborhood. Praise God!