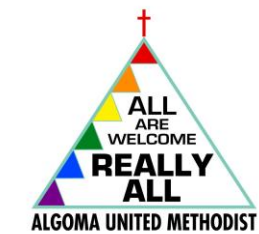


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We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.

Mission Statement: To show and teach the love of Jesus Christ to make the world a better place.

Vision Statement: Serving ALL God's creation by celebrating and modeling the love of Jesus.

July 2023

"God gave us a spirit not of fear but of **dunamis** and love and self-control."
~ 2 Timothy 1:7

As of July 1st, we will embark on a new chapter in our journey of faith. It is with great joy and anticipation that we announce the opportunity to yoke ourselves to each other in transformative lay-led ministry.

The Greek word *dunamis* (above) in the Bible generally means “power, force, or ability” and is also the root of the words “dynamite” and “dynamic”. Paul is writing to his ministry student Timothy in the quote above, and wants him to know that God had given him the dynamite ability to stand strong in the faith and the dynamic skill to share that faith with others. So praying for the *dunamis* Spirit with us, I believe this is an incredible blessing to experience God in action among us still, again, and in new ways.

To make this new journey possible, I remind you that our worship schedule will stay the same, starting **Sunday July 2nd**, and moving through the summer.

West Kewaunee Worship 8:30-9:30 am

Algoma Worship 10:15-11:15 am

Online Worship Anytime after 10:15am.

In a world that often emphasizes competition and division, we have a unique change to demonstrate the true essence of Christianity – love, collaboration, and selflessness. I have witnessed that each of your gifts and talents have touched our lives in countless ways, and now we have the privilege of extending that leadership to a wider congregation. This sharing of human resources not only blesses those we serve, but is also a blessing to us, those who do the serving. Our work strengthens the body of Christ and also amplifies the impact of our faith in the wider community.

Remember, our faith is rooted in a spirit of unity. The early church thrived when its members shared everything they had, including their leaders and teachers. They recognized that the work of God is not confined to a single person or leader but is mean to reach in involve all people. As we come together in this shared endeavor, let us hold fast to that spirit of unity and celebrate the diversity that it brings.

Moreover, let us take this opportunity to grow as a congregaation. Take time to pray for God to break through your individual life as well as our church with power. Now is our chance to rise up and emobdy what we have received, to deepen our faith, and to take ownership of our role within the church. Together, we can suport and uplift one another, creating an atmosphere of love, understanding, and service.

May we see this season of sharing as a testament to our commitment to the greater mission of the Church. As we reach beyond our boundaries and stand shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters in faith, we will discover a profound sense of unity and strength that transcends individual leaders. Our collective impact will be far greater than anything we could achieve alone.

Pastor Jennifer and Family Leaving WK/AUMC



Dear Friends,

My family and I have decided that our time of church ministry in the United Methodist Church is going to come to a close on July 1, 2023. We have been blessed by your great gifts and your love. We have been here in Kewaunee county for five years, our denominational average for length of appointment. So my last five of 23 years of ministry have been spent with you.

We are grateful to all of you! Matt is excited about leaving the handy-man business and using his creativity to build furniture out of fallen trees from the rainforest. Maggie has big plans to work towards having a wedding venue and a safe shelter for women and their children leaving abusive relationships. I am looking forward to using my gifts in new and different ways, helping Maggie get her endeavors started, working with Caleb in our community, and more fully participating in parenting Cameron.

Maggie will remain in Algoma for the summer, so you will likely see her over the next couple of months at AUMC (and WK if she can get a ride!). We will send you all our love and blessings from afar. We thank you so much for the wonderful celebration on the last Sunday of June. Your future is bright, as is ours. We will be available to connect with you all through e-mail, Facebook, and WhatsApp (that's a free internet-based calling app anyone can download to their phone). I am so proud of the ways that you all have found ways to continue our vital ministry with our congregations and community. If you have any questions or want to help in the transition and visioning time, please talk with any of your Council or SPRC members. Please enjoy these next couple of months of summer ministry. We thank you for all you have done, and share much love with you.

Sincerely with peace and love, *Pastor Jennifer, Matt, Maggie, and Cameron*

2023 Wisconsin Annual Conference Conference Vision: Radical Inclusion and Racial Injustice Theme: "On Earth as it is in Heaven" - Engaging in Transformative Community Building Attended by Kathy Graunke / Algoma UMC

The Annual Conference was held this year in Green Bay, at the KI Convention Center. Being my first time attending the conference, the surroundings felt like "going home" since I had attended many conferences there during my career with Schreiber Foods. There were so many wonderful, kind clergy and laity ... so nice to be greeted and helped in a crowd of 300!

Our Bishop opened the conference with a sermon theme "We are called to be in Community" and to "center on the Joy of Life". "We are all Farmers of God's Beloved Community".

These were my takeaways of 2 ½ days packed full of critical work, recognition, music, and prayer:

- The Bible study presented by Garrett Seminary focused on the story of Jacob and Esau as related to today's issue of injustice. If you recall the story, Jacob tricked Esau out of all his possessions; 20 years later, they met again. Jacob wanted to be in good standing with his brother, but he never recognized or acknowledged the wrong that he had done. The presenter went on to state: "we must do the hard work of acknowledging what happened throughout history".
- The voting process was intertwined throughout the 3 days. Voting consisted of approving the rules of the conference format; the budget; the disaffiliation of 43 churches that had met all the requirements; and voting for provisional reserve delegates.
- There were recognition periods for those clergy who have passed away; for 14 retiring pastors; and recognition of those clergy who have served 25 – 73 years (Pastor Mike Fenner).
- A group of lay members and delegates, including a pastor with the Connectional Table put on a skit. The skit began with a newly assigned pastor ending her Sunday sermon; the "congregation" members complained together that they could not understand her accent, and found fault with a number of things. After the skit, conference volunteers were asked to take the place of some of the "members" and the skit was redone. As we move forward with a new pastor, let's all remember to be kind, to be patient and to help our new pastor's integration be "what Jesus would want us to do".
- There were updates from many committees and ministries that are happening all around the state.

I hope you find this glimpse of the annual conference interesting. It was a privilege to represent AUMC.

ARE YOU READY?

This month, we will be in high gear, taking our first steps into ministry without a pastor at the helm and doing all our summer events that will take us through September 1. Rhys will be in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays (except July 4). Bible study will be on break for the summer and resume after Labor Day. Free summer lunches will continue to run Monday through Friday through August 25. . . it will be non-stop for us until after Labor Day weekend! ARE YOU READY?

...this is going to be a very active summer for us and a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors, newcomers and vacationers into our church (oh yes, and our parking lot!).

...I want to share some survival skills to help you get through these months without the kind of pastoral leadership you have grown accustomed to.

—It will be what it will be

In other words, don't stress yourself out about things you can't change or control. The only thing we can change is ourselves and our attitude toward sharing this beautiful home we call Church with others.

Save the Date
Shanty Days
Ecumenical Worship
Service,
August 13

Wolf Den:

The Wolf Den dinners which we provided in the past will resume in the fall, and it was decided to continue this ministry moving forward. If you would like to be a part of delivering dinner to this group of at-risk school children once a week, please talk to Julie or Maggie. Maggie would be happy to help you get started before she departs in late September. We are making a difference!



Welcome Summer Intern Rhys LuMaye

We are so blessed to have Rhys serving this summer as our Pastoral Intern. He began on June 6 and has committed through the end of August. This summer provides him the opportunity to consider whether seminary might be a next step for him, or if he wants to be assigned his own congregation, or wants to continue to serve here in another capacity through next spring. Rhys will be participating in all aspects of pastoral ministry and will lead Bible study this summer.

We are delighted to have Rhys with us this summer as an emerging leader, serving in this internship. Rhys will be with us in the AUMC office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00am to noon. The Wisconsin Conference embraces ways for young adults to have an opportunity to participate in hands-on learning with their home congregation. Just as Eli the priest called Samuel into ministry, we are offering opportunities for students to hear God's call.

Please offer Rhys a warm welcome and join with him in ministry.

Save the Date
World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023

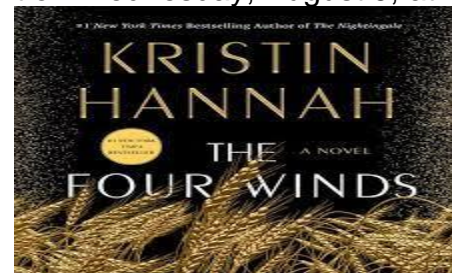


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JULY 2023 CIRCLE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

Coffee Circle: Coffee Circle will meet during the summer months of July and August on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in the AUMC Lounge. On September 7th, we will re-evaluate the frequency of our meetings to see if ladies would rather gather more frequently when the busy summer season is over. Looking for good summer reading? Copies of several of the books our book group read this year are on the shelf in the AUMC Lounge for your taking.

Book Group: Our next books is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. We will meet to discuss it on Wednesday, August 9, at 11 or 2p.



Please consider coming to church during the week of July 7th to help with set up for our church Booyah sale which will be held on July 7th and 8th. Watch for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, we thank you for attending our Awesome Women's Picnic on June 15th for all the women of the church! It was moved from the Heritage Park Shelter to Rita's house due to the cold weather at 11:30 AM and we had such a delightful time together. We look forward to having you bring a friend and come to join in the fun at our next social event!

Happy Summer!

Questions? Feel free to contact:
Heather Whipple @ 920-365-2342 or
Roberta Gale @ 920-621-8949

2023 Booyah Sale

The dates for our Booyah Sale for 2023 will be Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8. The hours on both days will be 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. In the event of heavy rain (not mist or drizzle), we will sell from the kitchen instead of the traditional parking lot tent. The bathrooms in the church building will be open and available to all. We have accepted Dean Lohrey's offer to make the booyah for us, knowing that his is a local favorite. We need you to help promote in advance and help sell on either or both days.

Celebrating our History...

Algoma UMC's current building was dedicated in January of 1960, 63 years ago this past winter. The 65th Anniversary of the dedication will thus arrive in 2025. We are looking forward to making plans for a festive celebration of that milestone in 2025, with the exact date yet to be determined--a mere and brief two years from now!



MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

Fellowship is about community, camaraderie, cooperation, and partnership. That's what we embrace at our Breakfast Club gatherings. The Men's Breakfast Club meets each Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. at the Captain's Galley Room. Their menu includes: eggs, oatmeal, pastries, and fresh fruit. Men of all ages are welcome. Contact person for the group is Bob Lohrey at 255-1046.





**July 2nd: Algoma UMC's
Welcome DS Coffee Hour
Mark your calendars!
July 2nd, 2023**

You and your family are invited to join us for our welcome DS. Rev. Park Hunter coffee hour fellowship on July 2nd! We will gather in the AUMC Lounge immediately following the 10:15am worship service for good food and fellowship! Sue has already signed up to provide treats that day. See you then!



Christmas Celebrations



Christmas 2023 is on a Monday this year, which means Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. We look forward to making plans for our observations of Christmas this year, especially our much-beloved Children's Christmas Program at West Kewaunee and hearing all our favorite Christmas music.

From DS Park

Greetings, people of God! The cabinet and I continue to discern and recruit a half-time pastor for your churches. We are looking at retired clergy, who have the flexibility to serve half-time and bring a wealth of experience. In the future, we also feel Algoma and West Kewaunee could be well-served by a student pastor who would bring a gift of youth and energy.

Your SPRC members have shared some priorities on behalf of the churches. I appreciate your prayers that we find just the right person to serve you. We hope to have someone in place by the end of summer.

In the meantime, I will be leading worship July 2 and we will have pulpit supply arranged for July and August. In case of a hospitalization or other emergency, contact the church office through umcalgoma@gmail.com or 920-487-2727 and we will make sure you are cared for! One of your lay leaders will assist, or contact me if a clergy visit is needed.

Grace and peace – DS Park
(phunter@wisconsinumc.org)



WK/AUMC OUTREACH: If you or a loved one are ill, grieving, or experiencing a hardship, and our congregation may lift you in prayer, please contact the church office and let us know your need. The church is not always made aware of your circumstances in a timely manner. Without a pastor, we want to make sure we continue to stay connected to you in your time of need. For those on our prayer list and those we have been informed are in difficult circumstances, we encourage members to be sending out a note or other expression of care. If there is a need, please contact the church as follows:
Emergencies 920-487-2727 (if no answer a message must be left). For Non-Emergences: church office email umcalgoma@gmail.com

**Contact information for the three pastors
who will be providing pulpit supply.**

D.S. Park Hunter, 608-478-4631 (cell),
phunter@wisconsinumc.org
Rev. Kent Ingram, kenti1109@gmail.com
Rev. Frank Maxwell, 414-3083478 (cell),
frankhmaxwell@gmail.com

Kent Ingram's July Sermons

July 23 - Weeds AND Wheat!
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Hymns: 545 - The Church's One Foundation
548 - In Christ There is No East or West
560 - Help Us Accept Each Other

July 30 - Standing in the Need of Prayer!
Romans 8:26-39
Hymns: 117 - O God Our Help in Ages Past
352 - Standing in the Need of Prayer
534 - Be Still My Soul

The Schedule for the next three months

7/2	Rev. Park Hunter
7/9	Rev. Frank Maxwell
7/16	Rev. Frank Maxwell
7/23	Rev. Kent Ingram
7/30	Rev. Kent Ingram
8/6	Rev. Frank Maxwell
8/13	Rev. Frank Maxwell
8/20	Rev. Frank Maxwell
8/27	Rev. Kent Ingram
9/3	Rev. Kent Ingram
9/10	Rev. Kent Ingram
9/17	Rev. Kent Ingram
9/24	Rev. Frank Maxwell

Park will be the "pastor on call" during this interim period should a parishioner need a hospital or home visit, or a funeral come up.