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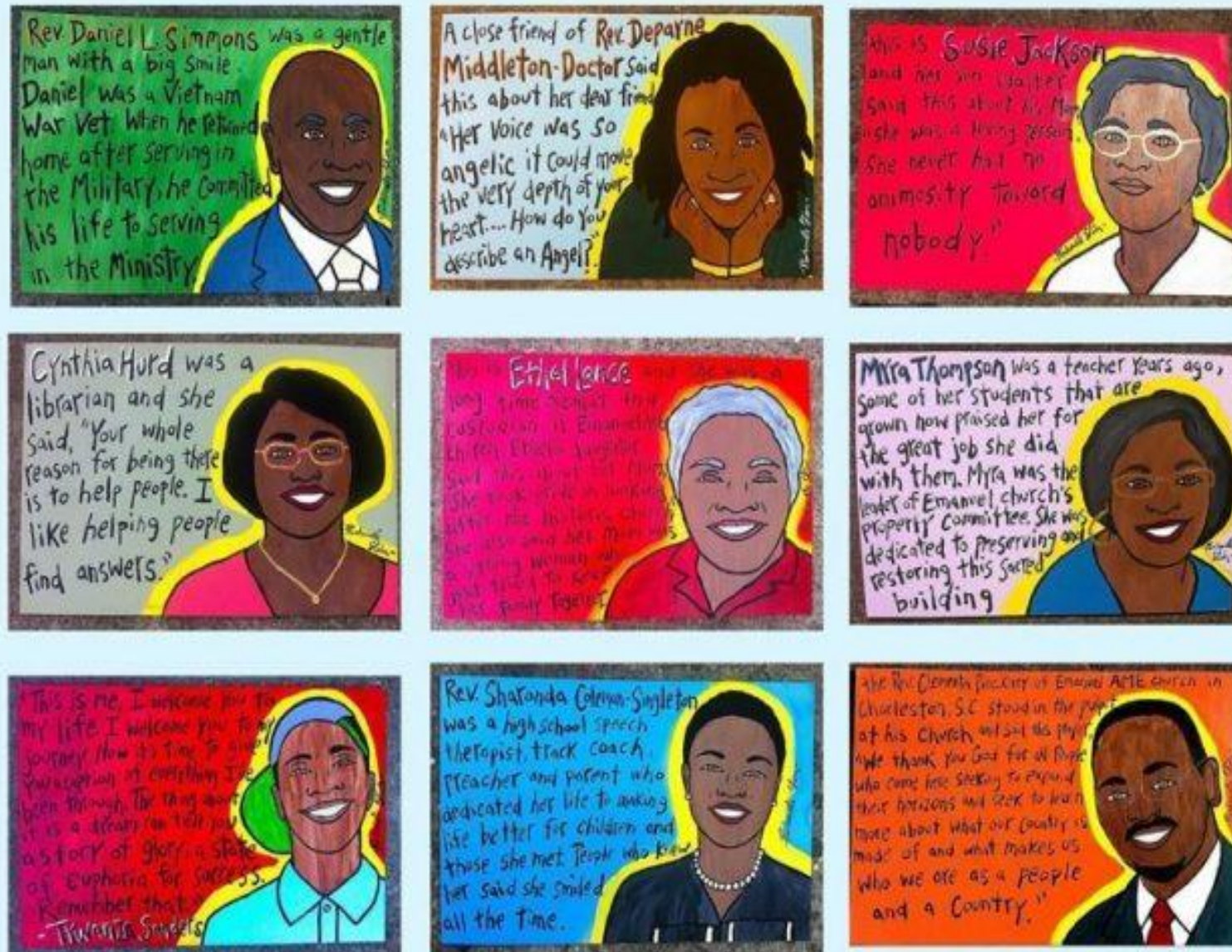
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We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.

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.

CALLING ALL KIDS AND ADULTS!



Mark your calendars for Monday - Friday, **August 16th through 20th** and become archeologists at **Destination Dig**.

Help us uncover the story of Jesus and the truth of the Bible. More information and registration will be sent out soon. If you are interested in volunteering we would love to hear from you. Call the church office and let Pastor know!

June 17th is the 6th anniversary of the Charleston Church Massacre. We remember the victims.

On the Journey With You

JUNE 2021 LETTER FROM PASTOR JENNIFER

Hello, Algoma & West Kewaunee UMC family!

It's June! I hope you will take plenty of time this month to go outside to enjoy the beauty of nature around you. Everything around us is resurrecting and working toward their maximum potential of growth as God plans for them. And we see that as vaccination rates are growing, we are able to work towards worshiping in less socially-distanced ways. I share with you the notes from our COVID task force which met recently to identify our next healthy steps. Thank you to everyone for our cooperation and creativity as we have found ways to make do and make new through all of these transitions!

COVID Taskforce Notes
5/20/21

Attendees: Pastor Jennifer, Matt Templeton, Ann Schmitz, Tammy Massart, Matt Demmin and Jodi Parins

Due to revised CDC guidelines requiring only the un-vaccinated individuals to wear masks indoors and the motion from SPRC to reconsider policies regarding Church activities, the Taskforce met to discuss and develop a policy for Algoma and West Kewaunee churches. The following will be effective beginning June 1, 2021

- Building Access:
 - Those 4 and older who are not yet vaccinated are required to wear masks while in the building
 - Vaccinated individuals are not required to mask (but may if they so desire)
 - Signage and screens will be created to carry that message
- In Worship:
 - Seating:
 - In Algoma, we will resume open seating
 - The lounge area and the "short back row" will be designated for those not yet vaccinated and a "social distance perimeter" will be created nearby.
 - Singing: those vaccinated may sing; not yet vaccinated may hum along
 - Sharing the Peace: share with those around you, but do not wander....
 - Communion: for June we will use the individual serving cups and revisit for July
 - Offering: ushers will resume "passing of the plates"
- In Fellowship:
 - In Algoma, coffee will be prepared before service. Worshippers are welcome to bring their own travel mugs and enjoy a cup, before, during or after service.
 - Weather permitting, we will hold Fellowship out doors
 - June 6th and 20th coffee only
 - June 13th Pastor Al will provide donuts
 - June 27th backyard barbecue courtesy of Men's Group
- Meetings/Bible Study
 - Meetings will be offered in both physical and Zoom formats
 - Bible study will be on Zoom only

As the situation evolves the Taskforce will monitor cases, vaccination progress and CDC guidelines and adjust accordingly. We encourage everyone to carry a mask in your vehicle "just in case".

What's New in the UMC?

The bishops of The United Methodist Church gathered online for five days to worship, to discern ways to best offer leadership to the church in this liminal time and to hear about the exciting mission and ministry occurring across the global connection.

During the meeting which was attended by more than 100 active and retired bishops from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, the Council of Bishops celebrated the lives of their colleagues and spouses. The meeting opened on Monday, April 26 with the presidential address in which Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, the president of the Council, challenged the clergy, laity, delegates and bishops to use the time well and continue to shape a narrative of mission and ministry for The United Methodist Church.

The bishops heard and were inspired by the Antiracism work that is occurring throughout the global church as they recommitted themselves to continue to address the systemic racism facing our communities around the world. Chair of the General Secretaries Table Dawn Wiggins Hare told the bishops that the General Secretaries are committed to continuing working with their current boards as they lead the church in this liminal time.

A portion of the meeting focused on the role of the episcopacy in an ever-changing environment.

The bishops spent a significant portion of their meeting each day listening and learning from one another as they described their current realities and how they might respond in ways that would be faithful to their baptismal, ordination and consecration vows.

Bishop Fierro Harvey said, "These are challenging times for the church, yet the strong, steady and non-anxious leadership of the bishops is greatly needed at this time." The document, a "Narrative for the Continuing United Methodist Church", is not an official statement of the Council, but rather a resource that can be adapted and shared by bishops, active and retired, who find it helpful as they exercise the teaching office.

The leaders of the UMC also heard encouraging reports from the COB leadership teams working on Justice and Reconciliation, Missional Engagement, Congregational Vitality and Leadership Development as well as UMCOR's response to the COVID crisis in India and the rest of the world. The bishops also acted on the following:

- The Council of Bishops affirmed their interpretation of the *Book of Discipline* that the delegates elected for the 2020 General Conference that was scheduled for May 2020 are the duly elected delegates to the postponed General Conference scheduled for Fall of 2022.
- The bishops affirmed the dates of November 2-4, 2022 for the regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences for the purpose of electing bishops and general agency members.
- The Council of Bishops reaffirmed their interpretation of the *Book of Discipline* that special sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference may be called at any time by the College of Bishops based on provisions of Paragraph 521 but not for the purposes of electing members to boards and agencies or to elect bishops.
- The bishops rescinded their November 2020 recommendation for no election of bishops at regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences and that the COB strongly encourage consideration of mission, context, resources and future impact of the COVID pandemic and potential changes in the UMC in making decisions about the number of bishops to be elected, within the disciplinary parameters of paragraphs 404.2 and 512.1.

The bishops believe the determination of the number of bishops to be elected at regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences is a matter to be determined by jurisdictions at either a special or regular session. Bishop Harvey noted: "We have done our best to provide clarity where clarity is needed as we set our heart and mind to using our time well in the in between time leading to the postponed 2020GC scheduled for the fall of 2022." "We continue to listen to each other to find ways to support one another and to lead the church together. We don't always agree but I believe we operate out of a sense of love and respect for one another and deep commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ," Bishop Harvey said.

Videos of the some of the sessions of the COB meeting at available online at: www.facebook.com/umcbishops

Our Church Family

Congratulations to Amanda & Jay Metz who are expecting a baby in November, and to big sister Aubrey. They have been making their home together in Tisch Mills since their wedding last October.



Abolitionist Chapel Today

Abolitionist Chapel Today(ACT) meets this month on Wednesday, June 23rd from 12:30pm to 2pm through Zoom. Please contact the Rev. Jennifer Emert at pastorjenniferemert@gmail.com to be included on the call. Feel free to have lunch during the meeting. We will be sharing the latest news and scholarship in the resistance to human trafficking and modern-day slavery from four areas of resistance: rescue, recovery, restitution, and re-habitation. Mark your calendar for future ACT meeting dates: 6/23.

FARMER'S MARKET VOUCHERS

Beginning June 15th, 2021, eligible individuals can visit one of our outreach sites or office locations to pick up Farmer's Market Vouchers.

Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers are offered to seniors to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from certified local farmers. The vouchers are provided by a grant from United States Department of Agriculture.

The ADRC of the Lakeshore will be stationed outside at each location underneath our blue ADRC canopy. Staff will be wearing masks and utilizing other protective measures to assure the safety of everyone. Staff will assist with the application.

To be eligible, you must be 60 or older and fall within the income guidelines listed below

| SFMNP 2021 Income Guidelines | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Household Size | Monthly Income | Annual Income |
| 1 | \$1,986 | \$23,828 |
| 2 | 2,686 | 32,227 |
| 3 | 3,386 | 40,626 |
| 4 | 4,086 | 49,025 |
| 5 | 4,786 | 57,424 |
| 6 | 5,486 | 65,823 |
| 7 | 6,186 | 74,222 |
| Each additional household member | 700 | 8399 |

Pickup Times and Location:

June 15th to July 8th, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at at both ADRC of the Lakeshore Locations 810 Lincoln Street Kewaunee, outside of the building under an ADRC of the Lakeshore Canopy in the upper parking lot.

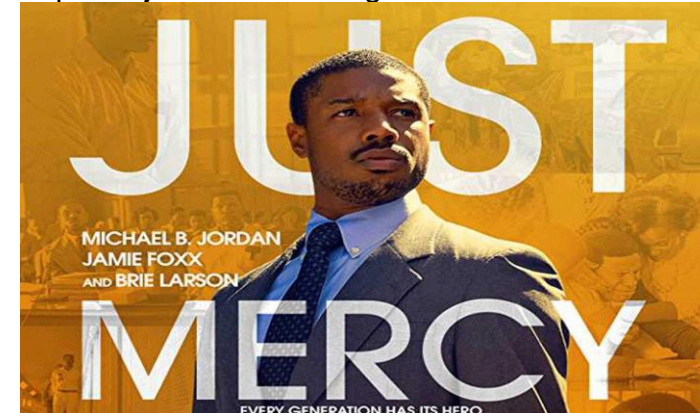
June 21st, Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church parking lot (700 Heritage Rd. Luxemburg) under the ADRC of the Lakeshore Canopy

July 7th, Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Algoma United Methodist Church parking lot (804 Parker Ave. Algoma) under the ADRC of the Lakeshore Canopy

Family News

Summer Parking Lot Movie

You are invited to an evening of learning and fun Friday, June 18. We will show the film "Just Mercy" (rated PG-13) at 8pm in the AUMC parking lot. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. The film is 2 hours and 17 minutes, so do not expect to be home before 10pm. A lawn chair would be helpful, and maybe a blanket. Cost: Free! Will be a fun and educational evening, so please invite a friend. To sign up to help, please email Pastor Jennifer at pastorjenniferemert@gmail.com.



Save the Date

Alaskan Golf Outing will be July 15 from 1–3pm. More details to come. Open to all regardless of age or ability! Email Pastor for more information.

Children and Family Ministry

Every week during the school year we had online kids group. Our last meeting was on May 13. We are going to have some outdoor activities during the summer and take a break from Zoom. Stay tuned for some summer fun that we are able to have this year in a safe way.

- July 5-10, Family Camp at Camp Amnicon
- August 16–20, Destination Dig from 6-8pm.

We think we can have it inside safely, but will be outdoors as weather permits. We are planning to do this for our entire church family, with no age restrictions. Masks will be required for those who are not vaccinated. Contact Pastor Jennifer with questions/comments or to register, 262-331-0469 or via e-mail.



It has been such a blessing to have live music since we returned to in-building worship on Easter! We offer many thanks to John Contratto for both the music he recorded for us when we were worshipping virtually only, and all of the lovely music he played in both of our buildings during his time with us. We offer him blessings as he retires from church musicianship and thank him profusely for having shared his gifts with us!

That being said, we are looking forward to being able to sing together this month and slowly expand our experience of worship music. The first three Sundays in June we will have band students from the Algoma HS providing worship music for us at both services.

I would like to ask each one who has any musical ability at all for some very important input as to how you would like to contribute. Please would you share any thoughts or concerns about music for the future? Any ideas on forming a choir? Would you be interested in playing in a bell choir? Do you play an instrument? Anything? Or do you need any help scheduling or need transportation? If I can do anything to help, I would be happy to. I look forward to being in touch, please contact me with your ideas.

As we look towards summer and more outdoor activities, I hope that will put a renewed spring in our steps. May God keep you safe and remember he is by your side always. Looking forward to once again singing and ringing praises to God together. Hoping to see many of you when we share in worship and communion on Sunday June 6 (8:30am at West Kewaunee and 10:15am at Algoma and any time after online). Come just as you are! God is waiting with open arms to connect with us. Praise the Lord. Love and prayers to all.



Welcome Back to Church! Anticipation is half the fun!

A friend once told me she doesn't like surprises because anticipation is half of the fun when you are looking forward to something.

We are anticipating the re-opening of our church building for services, meetings, and events without masking or social-distancing. We anticipate that things will be back to normal. I don't know about you, but I don't think most things we knew as normal will ever be the same again after this year of a global pandemic.

As we do anticipate the re-opening of our church building, one thing is certain and normal: we are "the Church with a welcome for everybody, always." Please anticipate that, going forward, you will have opportunities to get involved and choose for yourself. We will need Sunday morning greeters and smiling faces at the door to greet visitors and members alike. Coffee time hosts, ushers, Sunday drivers, gardeners, and BBQ grillers will all be needed. Maybe joining the Wednesday evening Zoom group, or the Wednesday Morning Men's Group, or becoming part of the music program is something you have thought about, And trust me: there are many more things to anticipate.

You have time to think about these things, as we are following our WI Conference guidelines and are re-opening one step at a time.

Anticipate the possibilities going forward!

We'll be waiting for you with great anticipation!

The newsletter deadline for the July edition will be **June 28th**. Send articles to the church at umcalgoma@gmail.com.

AUMC Rummage Sale in July

If conditions allow, we plan on having a church rummage sale on Friday, July 9, 7:30-3:30pm. Proceeds will go towards food ministry. We will need volunteers ready to help throughout the week, beginning Monday, July 5, through cleanup and takedown on the afternoon of Saturday July 10. We will need people July 5-9 to receive, sort, and set up donated items. On July 9, the sale day, we need help with sales, cleanup, and hauling at the end of the day. We will need lots of help from folks of all ages. Please look at your calendars and let us know if you can help that week.

Look for updates in the July newsletter.

We can accept donations anytime between now and July 9. Please email to volunteer. Rita Lohrey, barlohrey@sbcglobal.net or Linda Kleindl, lindakleindl@gmail.com



- **SATURDAY, JUNE 5 8:00AM**
Control weeds and fertilize flowers.
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- **SATURDAY, OCT 2 8:00AM**
Very important time to do winter prep for survivability.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Midwest Mission distributes its supplies after receiving a request from UMCOR. All are given free of charge regardless of gender race or religion. Financial donations can be marked "Midwest" and we will forward, or you can visit their website for more information: www.midwestmission.org.

All churches are encouraged to begin gathering the supplies for Personal Dignity Kits and Homecare Kits that can be dropped off at Bethany UMC, 1110 Echo Lane, Green Bay (920-494-8801) June 14 - June 21.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
 - 1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels
 - 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
 - 1 Bar Soap - 3 - 4 oz
 - 1 Shampoo - 15 - 18 oz
 - 1 Deodorant - 2 - 3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
Video at www.midwestmission.org
\$2 for toothpaste and razor

Homecare Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 - 40 oz (no spray bottles)
 - 2 Dish Soaps 16 - 34 oz
 - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32 - 64 oz
 - 1 scrub brush with or without handle
- Place items into a 5-gallon resealable bucket with a resealable cover.

—Worshipping at Algoma Harbor Heritage Park on the Fourth of July

We are looking forward to hosting a community worship service on Sunday, July 4th. We will have one worship service only that day at 9am. Anyone who would like to is welcome to bring a dozen muffins to share. We look forward to an opportunity to celebrate our freedom to worship publicly together with our community this year. All are welcome to this time of celebration. Invite friends, family, neighbors.

The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is offering a FREE 10 week Beginner-Level Exercise Program for Older Adults. If you are over the age of 60 and you exercise less than 60 minutes each week we are here to help you. Classes start on June 14, 2021 and will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Algoma Youth Center. Please call the Kewaunee County Public Health Department at 920-388-7160 for more information or to register.

West Kewaunee is accepting food pantry donations for



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- Food and Personal Care Items
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Conditioner

We appreciate all of your support!