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Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Emert

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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.

March 2023

March Newsletter



Please contact the church office at umcalgoma@gmail.com with your email address if you would like to receive an online copy of this newsletter (or with your mailing address for a paper copy).
Thank you.



The time to start is now

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO
DEPAS.JESSICA@KEWAUNEECO.ORG

limited to 10 spots!

CALL US:
920-388-7160



FOR INDIVIDUALS 60 AND OLDER
AND EXERCISE LESS THAN 60
MINUTES A WEEK

**10 WEEK
PROGRAM**

MONDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS,
FRIDAYS
60 MINUTES

TIME

APRIL 10TH
THROUGH
JUNE 9TH
9-10 AM

FREE

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Wisconsin Institute
for Healthy Aging



Algoma United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes February 15, 2023

Attendees: Andrew Hooker, Pastor Jennifer, Maggie & Matt Templeton, Jodi Parins, Starlyn Salemi, Rita & Bob Lohrey, Bernadette Bellin, Ann Schmitz, Marla Paape, Sue Sandstrom. Absent: Tammy Massart

Devotion: From Paul's letter to Thessalonians: Jodi Parins

December Minutes Approval: **Change electrician name from Juno to Junio**

Rita motion, Andrew 2nd all favored to approve December minutes

SPRC Update (Tammy was absent so she updated Jodi by phone

- Follow-up on Feb 4th conversations w DS Park: "If your missions are not resulting in people saying "I want to be part of a church that does THAT, then reassess" – Park Hunter
- Jodi handed out worksheet of our ministries and the resources they take and results
 - Andrew suggested we add column for: presence in community or attract members
- **Jodi will schedule a special meeting for additional discussion regarding future pastor attributes, to reassess the ministries to continue, and those to possibly discontinue.**

Finance (Andrew): Financial reports/analysis sent for December, January not yet complete.

- Distributed New Budget w 33% contributions from W. Kewaunee
- Reimbursement of Backpack Groceries by School District done monthly using Denny's statements
 - Fundraisers for 2023: Per Andrew the funds for backpack and food ministry are currently combined in same bucket. Funding will now go toward the AUMC Food Ministries.
- **Outside donations that are received will be identified by Bernadette, who will send out thank yous.**

Trustees (Ann/Matt): Viking will meet with Matt Monday to replace cross backlight w/LED

- Update on getting quote for parking lot repair:
 - Matt contacted Back to Black, they will send quote when new asphalt costs are known.
- Matt reported that the parsonage needs new water heater. Estimation to replace was approximately \$1200.00. **He'll buy and replace.**
- the light in the half bath is going out, but recommends next occupant can choose light fixture.

Grace in Action: Matt reported that cost of \$500 was approved by Ann to replace heating system.

Pastor's Update: Sycamore Lodge assisted living facility request for some spiritual Services.

- Pastor will contact Admins and get more details - **Bob L and Sue have volunteered**
- Pastor was unable to get any contact information regarding who to send the thank you letter to for Dr March family donation, **so pastor will send it to the address it was sent from.**
- Custodian Connie (Russ McDuffy Co) will be retiring. She does have a recommendation to replace her. She'll shadow Connie, but would like a couple of people from congregation to meet with her as well. Ann said she would, and Jodi recommended Julie Bloor. **Pastor will set that up.**
- Pastor was contacted by Rene Ebert to be recipient of a donation to the church for the backpack program from the Meat Raffle held at The Homestead restaurant. **Pastor will notify Rene that we will accept donation from February's raffle.**

Outreach/Events: Fat Tues Feb 21 Potato Pancakes

Grocery shopping: Potatoes, Onions -Bob; Sausage, Applesauce, Sour Cream, Syrup, Cheese -Jodi

- Hours 4-6pm - Promote Drive thru but allow folks to eat in if they ask
- Prepare 100 meals (in 2021 sold out 77 meals in 90 min); Cost will be \$7.00
- Ash Wednesday Feb 22 6pm, **John will be playing**
 - Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Apr 6, Good Friday Apr 7, Easter Apr 9
 - Bird City Apr 29, 9a – 2p - Food Provider: Chili and Dogs in 2022 + Info Table
 - Open Door Pride: Sat June 24, 10a-5p; \$75 All agreed to pay and register spot

Citywide rummage - July 7-8?: We will do Food Only, Booyah & Bakery - Rita & Bob will coordinate

Concerts in Park?: We have not yet committed, Maybe do Soar instead - **we will discuss again at next meeting. Jodi will reach out to Friends of Crescent Beach about providing food at Soar**

June 25th Noon – 3p we will provide a retirement party for pastor and family. Open house and invite community. We will need volunteers to help and plan.

Next Meeting Thursday, March 16th, 2023 6pm; Closing Prayer: Pastor

Church Family

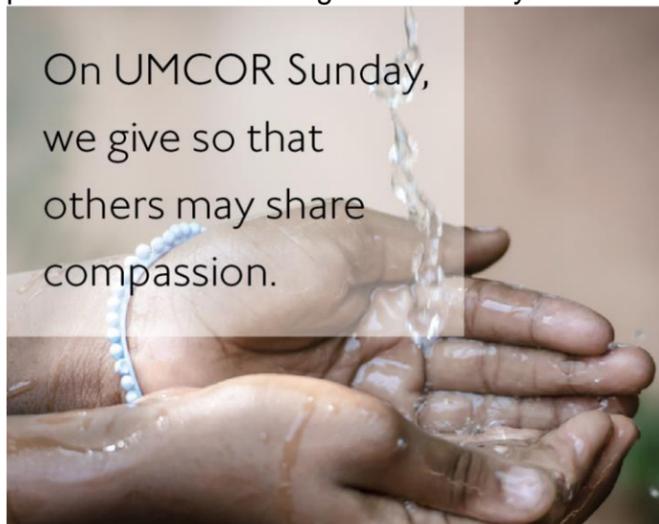
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A/WKUMC Directory Update

Very soon our Church Directory will be finalized and ready to print. It's important to have all information current and correct in our database, a huge task. Many confirmed their information when photos were taken, and others have responded to earlier requests for updates. We thank you for that. If you have not confirmed your information (names of family, address, phone numbers, and email), you may receive a call or email to verify that. Please take the initiative to call the church 920-487-2727, or email umcalgoma@gmail.com with your information as soon as possible. If you do not want your information in the directory, that is okay; we need to know that as well. Please help us finalize the long-awaited and anticipated directory. We appreciate your help, understanding, and patience as we work together. Thank you.



On UMCOR Sunday,
we give so that
others may share
compassion.



UMCOR Sunday – March 19, 2023

(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

Share the goodness of life with those who hurt.

Your generous gift ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.

"None of us is exempt from disaster; while we may not be directly impacted by an event, we may be called upon to assist others in their relief and recovery efforts."

United Methodist News

The long-awaited United Methodist General Conference, twice delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, is now scheduled for April 24–May 4, 2024 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Deep divisions over homosexuality and LGBTQ inclusion continue after the contentious 2019 General Conference resulted in strengthened bans on the ordination of “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy and the officiating of same-sex weddings. In early 2020, a plan to allow for an amicable split of the denomination was announced by a diverse group of church leaders. But pandemic-related delays have kept the plan from being considered.

Meanwhile, a breakaway traditionalist denomination, the Global Methodist Church, has formed, and many traditionalist churches have sought to exit The United Methodist Church. A UM News tally shows that 1,314 churches have been approved for disaffiliation. The United Methodist Church has about 30,000 congregations in the U.S.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The assembly meets at the beginning of each quadrennium to consider revisions to Church law and adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. The 2024 conference is expected to attract about 5,500-7,500 people with delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia, and the U.S.

www.umnews.org/en/news/3-church-disaffiliations-blocked

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL

Ray Eicher mourning Colleen's graduation to heaven; Michelle struggling with depression; Heather recovering from surgery; Jane's son Christopher recovering from a heart transplant; Jane's relative Emma; Bob Riemer & Lorraine with cancer; Bob Berkeley with congestive heart failure; Rhys with a pituitary tumor; Ukraine; Donna Kaye; Dorothy; Tammy & Isabelle; Marion's family mourning her passing; Linda with a bone infection; Cora with breast cancer.

We Gather in Loving Memory of Kent Berkley (Son of Bob Berkley)

WHEN

Saturday, March 25, 2023
10:00 AM CT - 1:00 PM CT

WHERE

Hope United Church of Christ
141 South 12th Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

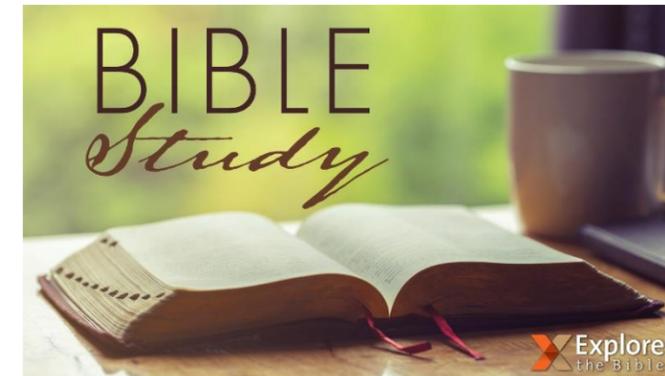
HOSTED BY

Michele Munson and family

Kent Berkley

07/08/1959 to 11/16/2022

Join us on March 25th at Hope United Church of Christ in Sturgeon Bay as we mourn the loss of Kent and honor the life he lived so well. The event will include a *memorial service* in the church sanctuary followed by a *celebration of life service* in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served during the celebration of life service. **Please RSVP by March 15th.** Let us know if you are planning to attend in person or watch a live stream of the memorial service (a link will be sent to you the day before.)



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ~ March 1

Once again we will gather for discussion of the book “Unbelievable” with our church family on Wednesday evenings. This study is a reflective time which allows us to ask questions in a safe environment. The book is not required to participate, study guides will be offered to those who wish to participate but not read. We come together in our humanity, our dependence, and our desire to renew our relationship with God. Plan to join us in the AUMC Lounge for this special time of study, prayer and repentance on Wednesdays, March 1 - 29, beginning at 6:00 PM.



Youth Confirmation Class Resumes Soon

Confirmation is the process where a young person is invited to “confirm” their baptism through thoughtful study and reflection about their own relationship with God. Resuming in March, Pastor Jennifer will hold our final 10 weeks of confirmation class for those currently in 6th thru 12 grades. Youth participants are exploring all aspects of our Christian beliefs, and young people will be given the opportunity to make specific decisions regarding their faith. On May 21, in a special ceremony at church, those who choose to do so will be received into church membership. Our 2023 Confirmation Class sessions will begin on February 26, at noon.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Monday, March 6 @7pm on Zoom

Monday, March 13 @ 7pm on Zoom

Sunday, March 26 from 12-4pm in person

Sunday, April 2 from 12-4 in person

Monday, April 10 @ 7pm on Zoom

Please call Pastor Jennifer (262-331-0469) for more information.

Talkin' Trash

You have a personal interest in reducing the waste you send to landfill. It's not all about "saving the planet"—it's also about saving your body from the effects of chemicals in our water! We no longer have a landfill in Kewaunee County, but we do have the Riverview Transfer Station, a temporary housing for trash before it is moved elsewhere. They have **Residential Use Hours:**

- Mondays through Fridays: 8 AM to 3 PM
- Saturdays, April 01 to Sept 31st: 8 AM to noon
- Saturdays, October 1 to March 31st: 8 AM to noon first & third Saturdays only

What can you do to further extend the life of our planet and your body? Here are some tips.

Reuse, recycle, and compost:

- Recycle and compost wherever possible. Even with our progress, 20% of all remaining "garbage" is compostable. Imagine, that's like hauling your bin to the street only four weeks out of five!
- Use a bin or pile behind your house. (Tip—to avoid smelling up your kitchen, store the waste in your freezer until you are ready to take it outside.)
- If you are disposing of something usable, take it to the St. Vincent DePaul store in Algoma. People in need can utilize your stuff, diverting your "junk" from the landfill.

Hazardous waste:

- Keep hazardous waste out of your garbage! If you change your lawnmower's oil and put the old oil in the garbage, it'll leach out of the landfill and make its way into Lake Michigan—our water supply! Instead, take it and all hazardous waste to the Riverview Transfer Station at E3726 County Road L in Kewaunee, WI.

Plastics:

- Save your "stretchy" plastic and shopping bags and bring it to SuperValu.

Resource guides:

- If you want details of what to dispose where and how, see <https://www.kewauneetransferstation.com/> We can all do more to save the environment and reduce our costs. In this day and age, that's a win all around!

The Indoor Plant Care Team

Julie Bloor was taking care of all of AUMC's sanctuary plants during COVID. She is so thankful that Marla Paape stepped up last year to take over the care of the Sanctuary plants. She is doing it for now, but it is not a life-time commitment! Every plant has a story. Plants are living things that help clean the air for us, and they create a homey, welcome atmosphere. Some families have offered plants from a loved one's funeral as a gift. It's nice to pause and remember where the plants came from each time they are tended. A special thank you to Julie and Marla, and all others that help keep the church a wonderful welcome spot for guests and members alike! Remember, we are the church with a welcome for everybody, always!

AUMC AV Team Needs You!

Jordan Ames has been putting together and presenting all of our worship power point presentations since November 2019. We are so thankful for all of the work he has put into this. Jordan has some life changes coming up, and so will be retiring from this volunteer position on June 1. We are looking for volunteers to take up parts of his job. Jordan is willing to train his replacement(s), so stepping up sooner allows you more time to learn. Some computer experience is preferable, but little expertise is needed. It's nice to have the continuity of one person preparing the presentation and running it in worship, but certainly not necessary. The preparation work can all be done from home, you just need a computer and internet. Running the presentation requires attendance in Sunday worship, but we could have a team so you don't have to have perfect attendance. A special thank you to Jordan, both for all the work he has already done, as well as his commitment to train others. Our worship slides help keep the church a wonderful welcoming experience for guests and members alike! Remember, we are the church with a welcome for everybody, always!

Upper Room

Large print versions of the March-April issue are now available at church. We have enough for you and for a friend.



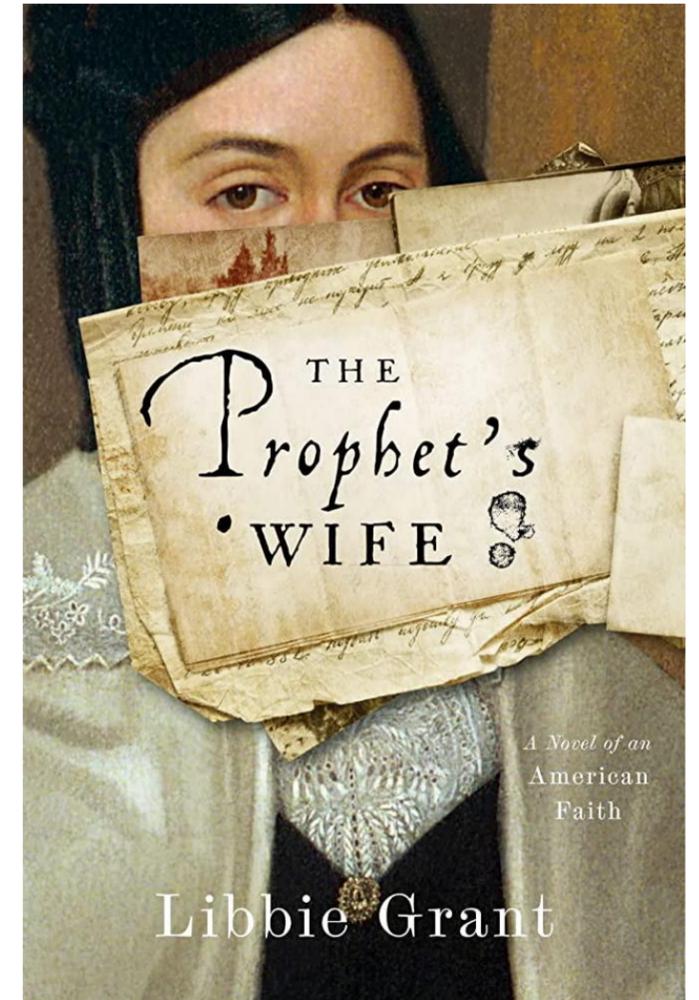
CELEBRATE ESTHER AND PURIM After Worship Sunday, March 12 At West Kewaunee & Algoma

Join us for celebration and fun appropriate for kids and adults! This is also the first day of Daylight Savings Time, so make sure you Spring Forward one hour!



HOMESTEAD MEAT RAFFLE THURSDAY, 3/9 6:30 – 8:30 PM

***Multiple PRIZES Available!**
*** Profits benefiting the Backpack Program!**



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

All are welcome to join us on Monday, March 20 at 11am in the AUMC Lounge as we discuss "The Prophet's Wife" by Libbie Grant. It is a novel based on the life of the wife of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism. You do not have to finished the book to join us. If you would like a copy, ask Pastor and we can pass the ones we have around. It is has been very interesting so far!

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

- March 5th 8:30 AM at West Kewaunee & 10:15 AM *The Miracles in the Moses Story* and Holy Communion
- March 12th Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 1 Hour! *Elijah and Elisha - Miracles Expanded*
- March 19th *The Miracles of Jesus*
- March 26th *Messiah Miracles*
- April 2nd Palm Sunday – *An Exodus Journey*