



## Ponderings from the Pastor's Pen

Have you ever witnessed something so wonderfully amazing it made your whole nervous system tingle with goosebumps—or as another Christian I once knew dubbed those tickly raised hair follicles: “Holy Ghost bumps”? Whether it is a miraculous answer to prayer or a moment so glorious that it seems only God could have orchestrated such a thing, sometimes the circumstances around us are so spectacularly divine it calls forth a bodily response of praise!

I hope you can think of at least a handful of times in your own life when you have experienced moments like these. I know I’ve experienced several just in the past couple years since we started our church-wide breakthrough prayer initiative.

- The first was the invitation and the eventual implementation of our Monday’s Meal free community meal ministry. Members of the community approached me in early 2020 to suggest the idea and although COVID delayed our start date we’ve served on average about *120 meals every week* since we started last October. It has been astonishing and so rewarding to witness what God is doing to feed our community with the volunteered labor of love from so many of us and the donated or reduced-price groceries from Feed My People and other generous individuals. Every week I feel like I’ve just witnessed another loaves-and-fishes miracle!
- More recently, our District Superintendent notified me that a new church start has begun as a house church right here in Menomonie among Korean students at UW-Stout. One of the current international students is here with her husband, an ordained pastor in the Korean Methodist Church. Pastor Park has been gathering up to 17 people together for worship every week and they are quickly outgrowing their worship space in a private home. His ministry credentials have been verified and affirmed by our Board of Ordained Ministry here in Wisconsin now too. There are still several logistics that need to fall into place as Pastor Park works with our Wisconsin Annual Conference United Methodist District Strategy Team that helps to plant and support new minis-

tries, but if and when this Korean student ministry is ready, our Accountable Leadership Board has voted unanimously in favor of sharing our church space with them on Sunday afternoons so their worship community can continue to grow. Isn’t God amazing?! In many places across the United States, churches have been declining for decades, but right here in Menomonie God is building up a wonderful new ministry in our midst!

- Just a couple weeks ago I got to schedule interviews with our hiring team for the candidates who applied for our Children and Family Ministries Director position. I confess that months ago when I first learned we’d need to seek this new staff member, I was a little uncertain whether we’d find capable candidates for such an important role, given the widespread labor shortages in every sector. Yet, I prayed and God has provided! In fact, our new Director, Amy Webb, told us during her interview that this job was an answer to *her prayer* as well as she prayed for new opportunities to serve...shortly before she first learned of this job opening! If you haven’t had a chance to meet Amy yet, she is extremely capable and passionate and I am so excited for what God will do through her ministry here!

As I celebrate these God-moments and look forward to more, I encourage you to continue (or perhaps resume) our breakthrough prayer for the next few months. Originally we prayed every day at 7:03 a.m. and/or p.m. because our church address **2703 Bongey Drive** reminds us that we have **2** opportunities every day to pray at **7:03**. For the next few months, I’d like us to pray at **7:21** because **7/21**

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(July 21) will be our MCCI Express Day when some of the church coaches who lead the Missional Church Consultation Initiative will be visiting our church and interviewing as many of our staff members, board members, church members, and youth group members as possible. **Please mark that day on your calendar and be prepared to participate in a short interview and/or the evening meeting with the MCCI team at some point on July 21.** Their team will be onsite from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with one-on-one interviews from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and a church-wide training/dreaming session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we share our God stories and our hopes for the future of our church. I'll share any changes or a more detailed schedule as soon as it is available.

For now as we prepare for July 21, each day at 7:21 let's pray for Pastor Park and the new Korean ministry at UW-Stout. Let's pray for Amy Webb and all the children and families in our church and surrounding community as they continue to grow in faith. Let's pray for the new dreams and possibilities that will sprout in the months and years to come. Let's continue to pray: "Just as the sun breaks through the clouds with a ray of light, please send your Holy Spirit to break through our clouded minds and hearts. Shine your light and guide us in the ways we are to serve and make disciples for You in our community and beyond. We trust in You and will follow the path You light for us. Amen."

I look forward to seeing you soon at church and I'd love to hear about any God-moments you've witnessed lately!

In God's love,  
Pastor Wendy

## Good News! Adult Bible Study

Dear friends- A number of people have asked me when the Adult Bible Study might begin again. Pastor Wendy thought we could have our first study on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Adult Bible Study sessions will be offered every Sunday. So once you have your coffee and treat please consider reporting to the Fireside Room for an enthusiastic reunion and interesting discussion about- "**Why should I attend church?**" Yes, you have a little homework! Please list several reasons why you attend church services and be ready to share them with the class. I will have a proposed outline of topics for future classes for us to discuss at our first session. I look forward to seeing you again very soon! Grace and peace to you.

Sincerely,  
Linda Bark

## Our New Mobile App is Here!

We're excited to announce Menomonie United Methodist Church has upgraded our mobile app! Vanco, our e-Giving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile.

You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

### EGiving Also Available on our Website!

You can also give to the church by visiting our website at [menomonieumc.org](http://menomonieumc.org) and click on the menu item "Give" this will walk you through the online giving procedure.

## Wanted: New Leaders on the Accountable Leadership Board

For the past couple of years we've been using a more streamlined form of church governance that combined several of our former administrative committees (Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Trustees, Finance Committee, and Administrative Council) into one Accountable Leadership Board. This model helps to bring greater focus on our mission—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world—even as we help care for the daily details of hiring and supporting church staff members, caring for the maintenance of the building, stewarding the financial resources of the church, and attending to the overall health of the church.

There are a few vacancies on our Board and those who applied and were elected to the first Accountable Leadership Board have begun rotating off of the committee so additional vacancies will be created as each of them complete their term. If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Accountable Leadership Board, please see Pastor Wendy for more information. Applications are available in the church office, along with a copy of the Leadership Board Covenant for you to review as you consider whether this is an area in which God may be calling you to serve.



Find us at:  
[www.menomonieumc.org](http://www.menomonieumc.org)





**Sunday Study | 2021-2022**

**Join us most Sunday Mornings at 10:00am**

There are so many great camp opportunities available for our kiddos this summer, we will celebrate UMC Camps and check out options available this summer during Sunday Study on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will finish out our regular Sunday Study curriculum on May 8<sup>th</sup> with a lesson on the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us how to live in this lesson by teaching us who our true neighbors are... EVERYONE! Jesus guides us to love, care for, and reach out to everyone. We will wrap up the Sunday Study year on May 15<sup>th</sup> with Confirmation during the 9:00am Worship Service, followed by the Sunday Study end of the year celebration.



I will be wrapping up my role as the Children and Family Ministries leader at the end of May, it has been an honor to lead and worship alongside your families. I have learned so much from your kiddos over the last 5 years. I'm excited for you to meet Amy Webb, our newest Children and Family Ministries leader! There are so many possibilities and opportunities as we move beyond the pandemic.

**Below is a glimpse of the month of May:**

- 5.1 Camp Sunday – Celebrating UMC Camps
- 5.8 The Good Samaritan
- 5.15 Confirmation Sunday & End of the Year Celebration

Watch for Church Family activities coming up this Summer! There are plans in the works for a campfire/gaga ball night and some Church movie nights this Summer as well!

Blessings,  
Amanda Tireman

**Bells! Bells! Bells!**

The bell choir is looking at starting up again. We are in need of players. If you would like to consider being a member please let me know by text or email: 715 702-2061



matthaeitim@gmail.com

**We practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm during the school year.**

We are still deciding whether we will start in May or wait until

September. If you have not played bells before and would like to try, we can arrange a date for you to come, and we will help you.

Please consider this fun ministry for your church.

*Thanks, Tim Matthaei*

**Summer Camp 2022**

Full details can be found at: <https://wiumcamps.org/summer-camps/>

We will explore the fun during Camp Sunday on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> during Sunday Study!

Here is a sneak peek at some of this summer's camp options:

- Create
- Classic Lake Lucerne
- Wild: Treehouses
- Wild: Backpacking
- Leaders in Training
- Makers
- Circuit: Games to Life
- Circuit: Robotics/STEM
- YoMiCa
- Movers
- Imagine
- Family Camps
- Grandparents Camp
- Mother-Daughter Camp



**Youth May Schedule**

May 4th 11th, 18th, regular meeting  
6:00 pm meet time and done at 7:30 pm

May 25th Wednesday Table  
meet at 4:45 pm done around 7:30 pm

Thank you, Amanda Viana

**Prayer Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, May 3 10:00 am

Tuesday, May 17 10:00 am

Tuesday May 24 10:00 am



**Blood Pressure Checks May 8th**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CONGRATULATIONS BOB SPINTI On your award for 75 years of Scouting!

Monday's Meal Every Monday 5-6

Free meal for our whole community. Most meals will be served via curbside delivery until the weather is warm enough for outdoor dining or COVID levels are low enough for indoor dining. Spread the word to anyone you know who may appreciate a comforting, nourishing meal and a sense of connection and care! If you or someone you know might be willing to help cook, serve, greet, or wash dishes let Pastor Wendy know. Financial contributions are also welcome.

Monday's Meal Menu (May be subject to change)
May 2 Brats, Baked Beans, Pickle, Pretzels
May 9 Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Parmesan Broccoli, Brownie
May 16 Fish, Roll, Grapes, Glazed Carrots
May 23 Country Casserole, Biscuit, Corn, Pumpkin Pie Bars
May 30 Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pickle, Fruit, Cookie

Happy Birthday
You and your family are invited to an Open House for Rosella Blakley's 100th Birthday Sunday, May 15 1:00-4:00 pm United Methodist Church 2703 Bongey Dr. Menomonie, WI 54751 Stop in and wish Rosella a Happy Birthday! (No gifts please)

Let's Celebrate!

If you would like us to post in our newsletter birthdays, anniversaries or a note, please let Lori know at the church office in advance. Your church family would like to celebrate your day!

Prayer Shawl Meeting Thursday, May 12 4:00 PM at Leslie Klatt's home

Choir is back on! If you love to sing please join us Wednesdays at 7:30 pm Choir will be meeting in the sanctuary to distance adequately. It is recommended that you be vaccinated and/or wear a mask. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to be added to the contact list please contact Craig Sampo at samphonics@gmail.com or call or text (920)-609-4082

# Care for the Caregiver

FREE

Friday May 13, 2022  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Registration and Vendor Booths begin at 9:00 am. Program will begin at 9:30

To be a good caregiver requires taking breaks to care for yourself. This day is designed for you. Take a break and learn tools, techniques and resources to help you care for yourself. This will help you build resilience for your caregiving journey.

Resource materials and light lunch will be provided

**To register call 715-232-4006  
By Monday, May 9, 2022**

Hosted by: The Care Solutions & Dementia Coalition of Dunn County



**CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER:  
A DAY FOR YOU!  
May 13, 2022**

## Agenda:

9:00 - 9:30	Registration and light breakfast
9:30 - 10:30	Caregiver Stress – Shar Bellefeuille Respite Care - Karen Herbison Aveanna Healthcare - Angela Kjellberg Adult Day Services – Shari Homstad
10:30 - 10:45	Break and Vendor Booths
10:45 - 11:30	Mindfulness – Amy Segerstrom
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 1:00	Yoga and Stretching – Tina Tharp
1:00 - 1:45	The Unexpected Caregiver – Moira Kneer
1:45 - 2:00	Door Prizes and Closing



**Care Bucket  
for  
Stepping Stones  
Sunday, May 29  
Thank you for your  
contributions!**

# Menomonie Memory Café

## 2022 Dates

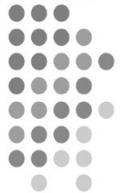
January 19  
February 16  
March 16  
April 13  
May 18  
June 15  
July 20  
August 17  
September 21  
October 19  
November 16  
December 21

Memory Cafés are designed for people living with dementia and their care partners. This is an opportunity to gather and enjoy coffee and camaraderie

3rd Wednesday of the Month  
**10 am—11:30 am**  
United Methodist Church  
2703 Bongey Drive



# Savvy Caregiver Training



## Empowering Dementia Caregivers

The Savvy Caregiver Class is a proven, research based training that will teach you strategies and real-world skills; as well as decrease stress for you and the person you care for.

### Training will cover:

- Career of Caregiving
- Types of Dementia
- How decline affects behavior
- Meaningful Activities
- Skills to manage daily life
- Effective Communication

**WHEN:** Wednesdays

2 pm–4 pm

May 4–June 15

**WHERE:** Virtual Training in the comfort of your own home.

To register, please contact Carla Berscheit, Dementia Care Specialist at 715-944-8091 or email [cberscheit@co.chippewa.wi.us](mailto:cberscheit@co.chippewa.wi.us)



## Mission Donations Being Accepted

Every year at Annual Conference, delegates are invited to bring mission donations for our churches to be distributed as needed throughout the world. Pastor Wendy will be going to Annual Conference in Green Bay, WI from June 10-13 and will be happy to take any mission donations along with her.



### Home Care Kit (\$20 Value)



- 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
  - 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid
- All items must be NEW & placed in the bucket.

### Personal Dignity Kit (\$15 Value)



- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste  
All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag

Bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to:  
Wisconsin Annual Conference  
750 Windsor Street, Suite 104  
Sun Prairie, WI 53950

Please write check to: WAC, add Ingathering and name of the kit to memo line



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# Fortune Cookies

by Bonnie Dudovitz

## a one act play about memory loss



Mona has a great idea! This vibrant octogenarian is determined to be the first to know if her recall is slipping beyond what can be considered normal, age-related memory loss. An unexpected visit from her son David reveals that she has cooked up a way to help herself and others be on the lookout for the early stages of dementia.

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### JOIN US! A FREE LIVE EVENT!

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

Resource Booths 3:45pm • Meal served at 3:45pm  
Play and Community Conversation 4:30-6:00pm

Menomonie United Methodist Church  
2703 Boney Dr., Menomonie, WI

**Reserve tickets at:**  
<https://NWWI-fortune2022.eventbrite.com>  
For questions call (715) 232-4006  
*Reservations required, attendance is limited.*

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Aging & Disability Resource Center  
of Dunn County

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RememberProject.org



**TRELIS**  
Area Agency on Aging

# Exploring Dementia Caregiving

Do you care for someone with dementia? Join us for care strategies, resources and support.

4th Wednesday of the Month  
10:00 am to 11:30 am  
Shirley Doane Senior Center  
1412 Sixth Street E, Menomonie

Refreshments will not be served at this time, you may bring your own refreshments. Compliance with Senior Center's mask policy is required.



# Virtual Dementia Education Programs

Serving Northwest Wisconsin - May 2022

## Programs:

### Savvy Caregiver Class

Wednesdays, May 4th - June 15th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Carla Berscheit, [cberscheit@co.chippewa.wi.us](mailto:cberscheit@co.chippewa.wi.us)  
715-944-8091

### Dementia Live Simulation Experience

Tuesday, May 17th, 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Katrina Hanson, [katrina.hanson@co.barron.wi.us](mailto:katrina.hanson@co.barron.wi.us)  
715-537-6225

### Wits Workout

Wednesday, May 25th, 11:00 - Noon  
[www.adrcconnections.org](http://www.adrcconnections.org)  
715-537-6225

Coordinated by the  
Dementia Care Specialists Serving:  
Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa,  
Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Polk, Price,  
St. Croix, Sawyer, Trempealeau, and Washburn counties

To locate your local Dementia Care Specialist, visit  
<https://bit.ly/dementiacarespecialist>

Local Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, visit  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/amind/tribalnationswi>

## Program Descriptions:

### Savvy Caregiver Class (6 weeks)

Proven curriculum grounded in research, this educational series is designed to teach strategies and practical real-world skills that helps to reduce stress, both in the caregiver and person living with dementia.

### Dementia Live Virtual Simulation

A simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory changes.

### Wits Workout

An engaging, interactive, and educational brain health program. Based on the research that intellectual challenge and social connectedness are two of several factors that contribute to brain health throughout life, Wits Workout has two main goals -- to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually, and to increase their socialization through ongoing group participation.



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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**Men's Support Group  
resumes  
Wednesday, May 4th  
at 1:00 pm  
in the Fireside Room**