



Ponderings from the Pastor's Pen

In our home, it is back to school season. We've had backpacks loaded with fresh school supplies, ready and waiting on their hooks by our front door for a couple weeks now as my boys eagerly anticipate their return to school. A favorite outfit has been chosen and set aside in the closet for the first day of school. We have worked on adjusting to earlier bedtimes in anticipation for the very early arrival of the school bus in the weeks ahead. We're getting our supplies and systems in place for what we hope will be a smooth transition back to in-person school after over two years of virtual school at home for our family. The freedom of summer vacation and the flexible schedule we've adapted to throughout the pandemic will soon be replaced by the familiar old framework of the rhythms and routines of the school year.

At heart, I am a rhythm-and-routines kind of girl, so I am looking forward to the new school year just as much as—if not more than—my boys are. Freedom and flexibility are delightful for a season, but often my best growth and learning comes through the rhythms and routines that I've built into my life—prayer, scripture reading, sabbath rest, intentional conversations with other Christians and colleagues, deep listening to the needs of the world around me, and seeking solitude in the beauty of God's creation. As United Methodists, routines and rhythms have always been a part of our faith practice. "Methodist" was originally a sneering insult directed at John and Charles Wesley by their peers at Oxford University who thought their methodical approach to faith was strange. And yet, the systematic, methodical faith of that small group of college students grew into a reviv-

al movement that spread across the world and is still growing in many parts of the world to this day.

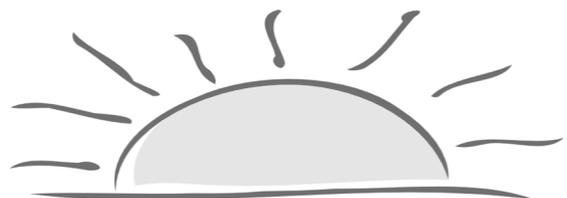
And so, as a new school year begins, even if you don't have anyone at your house who is going to school this year, I invite you to consider what rhythms and routines you might begin in your life to help you grow in faith. Maybe you'll start your day with reading a chapter or two from the Bible. Maybe you'll end each day with a moment of prayer or silent reflection on where you've sensed God at work in your life through that day. Maybe you'll join the monthly prayer shawl meetings or the small group for moms starting this fall, or start or join another small group. The exciting possibilities of a whole new year stretch out before us. Where is God leading you in this season?

I hope to see you soon at church or at Monday's Meal or at my Coffee and Conversation time. Wherever our paths may cross next, I'd love to hear about what rhythms and routines are working well in your walk with God these days!

With great anticipation and joy,
Pastor Wendy

New Members Class Beginning Soon!

On Sunday, September 18 from about 10:15 a.m. to noon Pastor Wendy will be offering a New Members Class for anyone interested in joining the Menomonie United Methodist Church. This is a chance to meet others who are interested in joining, learn more about the history and beliefs we share with other Christians, learn a few things that are unique to United Methodists, and understand what membership means. Those who participate in the class and wish to officially join the church will be invited to do so during worship on September 25. Let Pastor Wendy know if you'd like to be part of the class!



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MCCI Report Passes Unanimously!

On August 18, a special Church Conference was held for all members to vote on the recommendations provided in the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) report. In order for the report to pass, at least 75% of the members present needed to vote in favor of adopting the report. All members present voted in favor of the report, so our church will continue to receive MCCI resourcing and coaching in the months ahead to help us implement the five recommendations:

1. Building new friendships with neighbors using the Triad Strategy
2. Getting “guest ready” by refreshing and decluttering our space
3. Improving both internal and external communication
4. Developing a “signature ministry”
5. Dream, design, and plan worship and community for the next generation

For more details you can find the full report on our website, menomonieumc.org or you can request a paper copy in the church office.

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.

Menomonie Korean Church Has Begun!

Over the past year a house church has been established among Korean students at UW-Stout, led by a dynamic young pastor, Pastor Eunsung Park. Pastor Park was ordained in the Korean Methodist Church before he and his wife, Jeongwon, came to Wisconsin while she pursued her studies at UW-Stout. This little church has outgrown the living room where they have been worshiping. They are now officially recognized as a new church start, working with the New Ministries Strategy Board of the Wisconsin Conference of the UMC, and the Menomonie United Methodist Church has been invited to be an “anchor church” to provide them with space and prayer support as they continue to grow.

Over the summer our Accountable Leadership Board met with Pastor Park and Jeongwon to draft a “Covenant Agreement” outlining the times and church rooms in which the Menomonie Korean Church will meet (on Sunday afternoons and evenings in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and kitchen) as they gather for worship and a meal together each week. Although we will have a chance to approve or amend this Covenant Agreement at our regular Charge Conference on Sunday, October 30 at 3:30 pm in the lower elementary classroom, the Menomonie Korean Church will begin worshiping at the Menomonie UMC each Sunday, starting on September 11 based on the draft of the Covenant Agreement that was passed by the Accountable Leadership Board. Please pray that God will continue to bless and multiply this exciting new ministry in the months

Monday Meals are Growing!

We have been serving as many as 180 meals in one night. What a great mission for our church and for those who are preparing, cooking and serving the meals. If you’d like to see how the meals work or would like to help out, either sign up outside the kitchen, show up at 4:45 on a Monday, or talk to Pastor Wendy.



Find us at:
www.menomonieumc.org





Blood Pressure Checks
First Sunday
of every month.

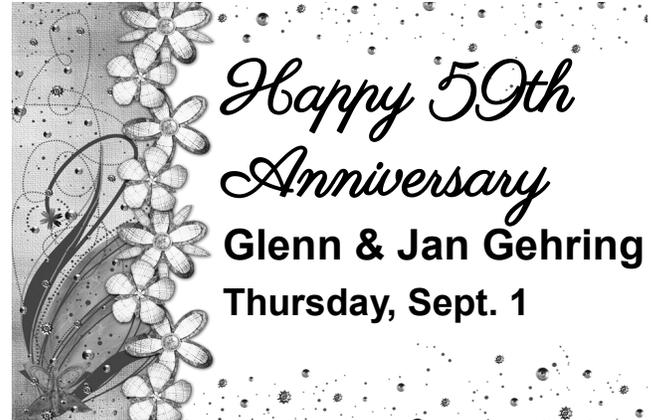


American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Monday, October 10, 2022
1:00-6:00 p.m. (New time)
To donate go to redcrossblood.org,
enter 54751 or call 1-800-733-2767.
Rapid Pass is available.

Prayer Time

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Prayer activity will start around 10 am,
Sarah will be available at 9 am
for anyone who has wellness concerns.



Happy 59th
Anniversary
Glenn & Jan Gehring
Thursday, Sept. 1

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!

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 and click on the menu item "Give" this will walk you through the online giving procedure.



PRAYER SHAWL
GATHERING
Thursday, September 15
at the church
4:00-6:00 PM

We continue to make prayer shawls for the church for those who are in need of blessings and extra healing .
Also feel free to bring any craft item you are working on to enjoy fellowship with others at the church.



Children and Family Ministry Information

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Pre-K through 5th grade
- We will start back up Sunday, September 11th.
- **THE TIME HAS CHANGED!** We will now meet during Sunday Service (after the Children's Message until the end of service).

MOM'S GROUP

*Join us as we support one another on this journey of motherhood!

- We will meet the 2nd Monday of every month starting Monday, September 12th.
- Monday Meal from 5-6 and Mom's meeting from 6:00-7:00
- Childcare will be available!

*Information to register for Sunday School and our new Mom's Group:

- A link posted on our Facebook Page
- An email with the link sent to all members
- Paper copies are available in the office

ONE DAY BIBLE CAMP
NORTHWEST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GATHERING

10.08.2022

SHELL LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
135 REINHART DRIVE
SHELL LAKE, WI 54871

10AM - 5:00PM
BRING A SACK LUNCH
SCAVENGER HUNT
CANOEING AVAILABLE
HIKING
WORSHIP TIME

**** BONUS - ATV/UTV TRAIL RIDE FROM SHELL LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HUNT HILL BRING YOUR OWN ATV/UTV OR FIRST COME FIRST SERVED FOR ATV/UTV LEAVE CHURCH AT 10AM TO HUNT HILL BY 12PM**

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FALL | NATURE
ADVENTURE | WORSHIP

A DAY SET APART FOR NATURE. A ONE DAY BIBLE CAMP EXPERIENCE



September 14th
Regular Youth
6:00pm-7:30pm
Bonfire, outside games,
Smores, hot dogs and
fellowship

September 14th
Parent Meeting
5:30pm 6:00pm

September 21st
Regular Youth Meeting
6:00pm- 7:30pm
dinner provided

September 28th
Wednesday's Table
4:45 pm - 6:30pm

Monday D.I.S.H.

Dementia Informed Super Heroes

Are you working and caring for a parent or family member with dementia? Join us virtually for support and resources



First Monday of the month

7 pm to 8 pm



To register, contact Scott Seeger at 715-261-6066
Email: scott.seeger@adrc-cw.org

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.

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



NibiWalk *every step is a prayer*

Sunday, September 25th

Traditional ceremonial Ojibwe Water Walk around Lake Menomin

Led by Anishinaabe Elder Sharon Day
Gathering at First Congregational UCC

Noon- Opening Ceremony

1:00 PM- NibiWalk Begins

4:30 PM- Gratitude Ceremony

5:00 PM- Traditional Ojibwe Meal Served

Activities for children and adults not walking will be held at the church between 1 and 4 pm

All are welcome



Registrations needed by September 19th

Visit www.menomonieucc.org for more info

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Count YOUR blessings