

# AT THE CROSS

First United Methodist Church — Hartford, WI

April 2007

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We're God's people striving to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ. By nurturing our diverse gifts we desire to learn, care, support, pray and serve so that we may become a dynamic force of love in the world. †

**Take a look...**  
Read about several topics in this month's newsletter. Get involved and make our church the best it can be.

## Lori's Notes

1. We will need the Sunday School children (Preschool through 6th grade) to participate in our Palm Sunday Processional at the start of both services on Palm Sunday, April 1. Parents, please plan to be at church until 11:15 a.m. on Palm Sunday so that your child can participate and rejoice with us regarding the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
2. For parents who have questions about sending their child to a UM camp or who have questions about Family Camp, Lynnette Jordan and I will be available at the back of Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. on April 1 to explain further about UM camps.
3. Youth Group Sunrise Service will be on Easter at 6:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast at 7:20 a.m.
4. There will be no Sunday

School on Easter, April 8.

5. Acolyte training is set for April 15th at 9:35 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The training is for any youth 4th grade or older or any adult who is interested in being an acolyte. This is an important way to serve your church. Thank you to all who have already been trained and have been serving as acolytes.

6. For all interested in providing input to the 2007 Sunday School Christmas Program, we will have a Christmas Program meeting on April 15 at 11 a.m. in the Adult Sunday School classroom.

7. Youth Group Leaders will be meeting with youth ages 6th grade through 12th grade during Sunday School on April 15 to explore Youth Group activity options. They will then meet with the parents of 6th through 12th graders on April 22 during the Sunday School time.

8. Everyone is invited to join our Gathering Time at 9:50 a.m. The April rotation unit starts on April 15 and is the Honesty and Truthfulness unit, using Luke 8:42-48 and Mark 5:24-34 as the Bible Story reference. As Christians, we are called to follow the example of Jesus and be truthful, honest, and trustworthy in our relationships with God and with others. We hope to see you all in the Gathering Room!!

9. The Faith Explorer computer game series unlocks a new story each month. The story in April is Mary Discovers the Empty Tomb; John 20:1-18. Each game has three different skills setting for grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade. If you need the access code, please give me a call or e-mail. Have fun!

10. April 22 is Compassion International Sunday. We will learn more about Compassion Interna-

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tional and about Pedro.

Easter - What a time of emotions. We are sad for the physical suffering Jesus endured for us and recognize that each of our sins brings Him emotional pain; yet, in the end we rejoice at His gift to us of eternal life. And through all this God's love for us remains constant and strong. It is through Him that we receive life, endure life, and return.

*Humbly Before You In Christ,*  
**Lori Vander Pas**

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## Christian Companions

**April 22.** A noon potluck and an interesting program planned with Chuck Linstrom. All are invited.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Join in with exciting opportunities

### Family Camp at Pine Lake

Do you want indoor plumbing and a real bed? There's a cabin waiting for you! Prefer the rustic outdoors? Then there's a campsite waiting!

All ages are welcome and encouraged to come! The dates are July 20th through the 22nd. There will be swimming, a children's play area, low ropes, volleyball, hiking, biking, a nature program, horseshoes, and other activities. We promise that you won't be bored! Contact Lynnette Jordan at 920-625-3740 if you have questions. Otherwise, sign-up sheets will be available on the Circuit bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that we need to reserve campsites much earlier than cabins. If you want a campsite, you need to sign up NO LATER than April 15th. Cabin reservations will continue until our reserved cabins are filled.

### Mission Opportunities

Our Discipline clearly states that: "We insist that personal salvation always involves Christian mission and service in the world". Well, we have some opportunities for you to get out and make a difference!

A group leaves from Zion UMC in Colgate the 2nd Saturday of each month to work for the morning at United Methodist Children's

Services in Milwaukee. Contact Doug Walters (bonnydoug@charter.net) for more information. You may find yourself helping to stock the food pantry, preparing a room for a new occupant, or helping wherever help is needed. They return by 12:30. You must let Doug know to expect you no later than the Monday before you go to work.

Like to build? Mission trip people can get warmed up for mission trip by helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house in West Bend. Our circuit is planning four mornings to work on this house: Saturday 5/12, Tuesday 5/22, Saturday 6/2, and Thursday 6/21. We only work in the morning. Do you have a half day to help someone have a home of their own? Sign up on the sheet on the Circuit bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kelly Jahn at 920-625-3525 if you have more questions. Youth are welcome, but there is a waiver that must be signed.

### Church of the Month

Richfield Emmanuel UMC is the church of the month for April. There have been many struggles in the last two years, and they have until June to show that they can be self-sufficient in both giving and attendance. We lift up their mission, and pray for the will of God for their future.

### Name / Logo Contest for the Circuit

The lay council is looking for a new name for our circuit (other than Circuit 31). We challenge each and every one of you to come up with our new name. Ideas to base it on: "Open hearts, open minds, open doors" (United Methodist motto); "Live, Give, Love....beyond all expectation" (Wisconsin Conference motto); and "United Christ-centered congregations igniting the flame of God's Good News beyond our walls" (circuit mission statement), or the area in which the circuit churches are located.

Any adult or child is welcome to submit an entry for the contest no later than June 1st. We will be having a contest for BOTH a new name AND a logo. You may submit a logo entry in any 2-dimensional medium, color or black & white. Please put any entries in an envelope and place in the Circuit mailbox in the church office.

### Junior High Convo

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Junior High Convo is going to be held on May 4-6 this year in the Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort. There will be Christian rock bands, games, inspirational speakers, food and lots of fun. We will probably be staying at a church like we did last

year. Mark your calendar and make plans for lots of fun. Parents are needed to drive kids to/from the Dells and to act as chaperones. Contact Brian Swenson or Lori Vander Pas for more information and to sign up.

### Spring Salad Luncheon

The Thirty-Fifth annual Spring Salad Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 11am to 2pm. General Chairperson Jane Hoffmann (673-3153). Kitchen chairperson is Donna Carroll (673-4538). Dawn Schauer (673-4456) is the dining room chairperson. Joyce Scadden (644-6914) is the dessert room chairperson. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the appropriate chairperson. Salads and bars can be brought to the church on Wednesday during regular office hours (8:30am-3:30pm) and from 6:30-8pm that evening. On Thursday, the church will be open at 6:45am. It helps us if we get the food by 10:30am

Ticket co-chairs are Denise Schlotthauer (673-2528) and Dorothy Grandine (673-5226). If purchased on or before April 25, ticket price is \$7. Tickets purchased on April 26 are \$7.50. Tickets are available in the office between 8:30am and 3:30pm Monday - Friday. Tickets will also be sold before and after services on April 1, 15 and 22.

# Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Meet the Staff Parish Relations Committee

Staff Parish Relations Committee is the local church administrative unit in which lay and clergy spiritual leaders integrate the staff and congregational interests to focus on the mission of the church, which is, we are God's people striving to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ. By nurturing our diverse gifts we desire to learn, care, support, pray and serve so that we may become a dynamic force of love in the world.

To achieve this, there are four essential leadership functions that should occur. First, we must accurately describe the current reality, i.e. the way things are. Second, we must listen to members of the congregation about their shared vision. Most people will respond by indicating their desire to live in a world filled with love, faith, security and meaning. These individuals are willing to invest themselves in an organization committed to this vision. The church is such an organization for it is devoted to the creation of a better future. Third, leaders must build a bridge between current reality and the hopes expressed in the shared vision by planning actions and developing systems to insure that the workings of the church can effectively take place. Fourth, we must monitor the faith journey of the congregation by allowing all elected and appointed leaders to listen to God in prayer, Bible study, conversation and other means of grace in order to lead the entire church community in the work of Christ.

I pray that each of us consider our role as committed Christians.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee,  
**Dennis Carroll**  
Chairman

# APRIL THEMES

## Worship, Study, Prayer and Mission

### Sunday, April 1st, 2007

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

*Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

One of the criminals hurls insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebukes him. Then he says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Darkness descends over the whole land for about three hours. Then all three of the synoptic Gospels tell us something both fascinating and significant, a torn curtain.

### Thursday, April 5th, 2007

1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae (which means darkness) and Communion experience: a wonderful time of reflection on Jesus' command. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'" (Maundamus or Maundy means command) *John 13:1-17, 31 b-35*

### Friday, April 6th, 2007

1 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist Church  
*Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42*

### Sunday, April 4th, 2007

Easter Sunday

*Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12*

6:30 AM Sunrise Service led by our youth! POW!!

7:30 AM Sunrise Breakfast, a fine breakfast to open your eyes even wider!

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Resurrection Worship. We are going to be blowing horns, and singing up a storm

for Easter, says Ms. Knoll!! "We are witnesses... to the resurrection!"

### Sunday, April 15th, 2007

*Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31*

The conquest of fear. Fear comes in many forms. The number one problem that causes many of us to make wrong choices is that we are afraid--afraid of what our friends will think, afraid of ridicule, afraid of failing, afraid of being hurt. Even the disciples of Jesus gave into fear. BUT! Faith meets fear and love moves mountains.

### Sunday, April 22nd, 2007

*Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30 (UMH 762); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

"Cast your net on the right side of the boat," and they cast their net on the right side of the boat and they took in an enormous haul of fish. It is amazing how easy it is to succeed if you do what Jesus wants you to do. Be honest. Work hard. Treat people the way you would want to be treated. Be reliable. Don't promise more than you can deliver. Show up on time. Return phone calls. Make a quality product. It's not about fish, though. It's about people.

### Sunday, April 29th, 2007

8:30 AM Communion

*Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30*

How you think about God affects how you think about life. That explains a lot about our political environment today. Where would you place yourself in this spectrum of ideas about God? Authoritarian, benevolent, stern unapproachable judge or prime mover?

11:00 AM Baptism and Confirmation and Communion Service

# MILESTONES

## ANNIVERSARIES

04/02/1966	<b>STERMAN</b> , Keith & Sandra
04/04/1981	<b>ROHDE</b> , Richard & Gail
04/04/1992	<b>MCDERMOTT</b> , Michael & Jeanne
04/04/1992	<b>STERMAN</b> , Matthew & Rhonda
04/07/1973	<b>TURRIFF</b> , John & Sandra
04/07/2001	<b>MUELLER</b> , Michael & Kristen
04/09/1983	<b>ANDERECK</b> , Tony & Susan
04/11/1970	<b>SCHAEFER</b> , David & Janie
04/12/1980	<b>MARX</b> , Richard & Laura
04/15/1989	<b>JOHNSON</b> , Edward & Nedra
04/24/1971	<b>STAUS</b> , Gerald & Carol
04/24/1976	<b>LUEDCKE</b> , Thomas & Nancy
04/26/1986	<b>COLLETT</b> , Tony & Tina
04/27/1974	<b>SCHATZ</b> , Beverly & Thomas

## BIRTHDAYS

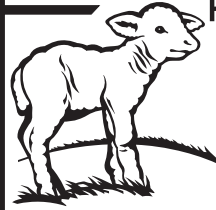
April 01	<b>Retzlaff</b> , Alexandra
April 01	<b>Zabrowski</b> , Trevor
April 02	<b>Roggenbauer</b> , Pamella
April 02	<b>Settje</b> , Connie
April 02	<b>Proebsting</b> , Kathy
April 02	<b>O'Kroley</b> , Kelly
April 02	<b>Morris</b> , Robert
April 02	<b>Hanke</b> , Loretta
April 02	<b>Hogan</b> , Joshua
April 04	<b>Lorenzen</b> , Richard
April 05	<b>Palmer</b> , Kenneth
April 06	<b>Peters</b> , Scott
April 06	<b>Ackatz</b> , Janine
April 07	<b>Bertling</b> , Patti
April 08	<b>Blackburn</b> , Megan
April 09	<b>Lepien</b> , Emily
April 10	<b>Purman</b> , Timothy
April 10	<b>Allen</b> , Danny
April 10	<b>Wisth</b> , Hannah
April 10	<b>Andereck</b> , Jeremy
April 10	<b>Baumgartner</b> , Jarid
April 10	<b>Thiery</b> , Nathaniel
April 11	<b>Tisdale</b> , McKenzie
April 12	<b>Lackas</b> , Gertrude

April 12	<b>Vander Jagt</b> , Lee
April 12	<b>Gartzke</b> , Twyla
April 12	<b>Peters</b> , Lynn
April 12	<b>Triick</b> , Jay
April 12	<b>Kolinski</b> , Alex
April 13	<b>Leach</b> , Bernita
April 13	<b>Redeker</b> , Andrew
April 13	<b>Pfotenhauer</b> , Kirsten
April 14	<b>Wawrzyn</b> , Debbie
April 14	<b>Proebsting</b> , Andrew
April 14	<b>Garza</b> , Skylar
April 15	<b>Park</b> , Neil
April 15	<b>Linstrom</b> , Charles
April 15	<b>Sterman</b> , Sandra
April 15	<b>Swenson</b> , Brian
April 17	<b>Paine</b> , Thomas
April 17	<b>Squires</b> , Karen
April 18	<b>Hanke</b> , Robin
April 19	<b>Klabecek</b> , Jeffrey
April 21	<b>VanMinsel</b> , James
April 22	<b>Squires</b> , Samuel
April 23	<b>Stephenson</b> , Thomas
April 24	<b>Rohde</b> , Gail
April 24	<b>Pillsbury</b> , Duncan

April 27	<b>Conroy</b> , Ann
April 27	<b>Collett</b> , Anna
April 27	<b>Collett</b> , Amy
April 27	<b>Kaminski</b> , Luke
April 28	<b>Tuxhorn</b> , Guy
April 28	<b>Lackas</b> , Joyce
April 28	<b>Kienast</b> , James
April 28	<b>Loosen</b> , Tracy
April 28	<b>Grandinetti</b> , Anthony
April 29	<b>Schultz</b> , Patricia
April 29	<b>Nicolaus</b> , Curt
April 29	<b>Marx</b> , Melissa
April 29	<b>Boyd</b> , Dylan
April 30	<b>Purtell</b> , Barbara
April 30	<b>Borst</b> , Michael

## Little Lambs Preschool

First United Methodist Church  
Hartford, WI



**OPEN HOUSE**

April 4th • 5-7 pm

April 5th • 9-11 am

- Preschool Program 2,3 or 5 days/week
- **Enrollment open for Fall 2007**
- Hours: 8:30am - 11am
- 3-5 year-olds
- State licensed center
- Small Class Size (10 max.)
- Certified professional teacher

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Contact Ms. Doreen at (920) 209-5823 or the church office at (262) 673-3290



# From the desk of Pastor Brian



Last month when the Circuit 31 Lay Council placed First UMC, Hartford on the rotation to be the Circuit church of the month to be “prayed for,” they asked “What

would you like us to pray for?!”

I said that #1 I’d like the Circuit to pray for revelation for us as we go through our Church Assessment Process with Rev. Dick Jones and #2 that we grow in the life of prayer and devotion as individuals in the congregation, that we count on the power of prayer in all we do as a church. Connecting to God and each other through prayer will be vital to our ministry growth in the life of FUMC.

Our mission statement says that we “desire to learn, care, support, PRAY and serve so that we may become a dynamic force of love in the world.”

Jesus went into the wilderness (as revealed in Luke 4:1-11), to talk to God, and be tempted by the devil, testing his metal as it were. 40 days Jesus spent clarifying his purpose for his life, that is, how would he encounter the situations in his life according to God’s intention for him. How about looking at this season of Lent and Easter as a way that we could clarify our individual purpose and the direction and the purpose of our church with Christ?

John Wesley’s model for prayer and devotional life may give us a toe hold here. It revolves around two movements in the life of the believer. The first is Communion with God: It has five elements.

## COMMUNION

Prayer: This is establishing an ongoing prayer relationship with God. That’s primary.

Searching the Scriptures: This is prayerfully bringing the wisdom of scripture to bear on our everyday lives.

The Lord’s Supper: This is focusing on God’s redeeming love in Jesus Christ for personal and church renewal. Feeding on God’s love in the fellowship of God’s people. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper on average once a month at both Sunday morning and 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4:30 PM “Prayer and Praise.” Join your church at The Table at both.

Fasting: This is using the hunger we would normally have for food/activity, etc. to highlight and empower our hunger/desire to be with God and to love for God. Psalm 42

Christian Conferencing: This is sharing support with others as we struggle with the issues of being faithful to God in our lives and in society. We also pray for the connection of faithful United Methodists, and this is essentially what is being done as we highlight a Circuit Church each month to be “prayed for.” Talk about, volunteer for, pray for PROJECT CARE in Hartford to help young people develop the assets of their lives to be successful citizens. NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE is a UMC a mission to inner city Milwaukee with similar goals.

The second movement is Compassion for the world: “and Jesus looked out on them and had compassion on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

COMPASSION (This second movement of faith is a natural outcome of our communion with God.)

Do no harm: That’s the first thing. Makes sense!

Do good wherever you can. (God is good. All the time!)

Attend to the means of Grace: The means of grace are: Prayer, Searching the Scriptures, The Lord’s Supper, Fasting or “hungering for God,” Christian Conferencing. There you are! Back to the future!

I’m asking you to take Wesley’s prayer and devotional plan and implement it in your life, even as a way of organizing your faith experience. In the month of April with the confidence of Resurrection Power write a response to each element of Wesley’s plan prayer and devotional life or focus on one and develop it and then move on to another one. And pray! Amazing as it seems, (and do not despair in doing good!) your church, the world needs your Christian influence!

## Prayer & Praise

**April 1** – Does someone you know suffer from bi-polar disorder? If so, then be sure to join us on April 1 for Prayer & Praise at 4:30pm. Chris Manion from ECUMC will be speaking on the topic. Plan to join us for worship as well as a bread and soup dinner.

**April 15** – Jesus died, Jesus rose... now what? Join us for the start of a discussion of the book of Acts. We’ll talk about the struggles and the joys of the early Christians. Maybe you can see similarities to some of the struggles in our churches now.

## Annual Conference

The Annual Conference for 2007 will take place Sun., June 10 to Weds. June 13. The theme this year is “Wholeness to Holiness: Reaching for Higher Ground.” Briefly, the agenda is: Sun.-Ordination Service, Mon.- Worship Service and Plenary Sessions, Tues.- The Memorial Service and Healing Service and Plenary Sessions and Weds.- Plenary Sessions and closing Worship Service. Lay members for FUMC are Clay and Barbara Oosterhuis. Any questions or comments please contact them.

# Thank you

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**Thank you** to the First United Methodist Church members for their prayers, cards and visits. A special thank you for the prayer shawl. It warms me- body and soul.

## Adeline Wandrey

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**Thank you** to the entire congregation for making the pie auction a success. We auctioned off 41 delicious pies and made \$1,167.50. Proceeds will go toward the mission trip.

Pie Auction Trivia:

Highest bid pie for 2007 – Pumpkin Cheesecake \$60.00

Most unsuccessful bid attempts – Chad Baumgartner

Most Successful bids – Ned & Carolyn Lepien (Winning 4 pies)

# UMW

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## Hannah Circle

April 12 — 1pm  
Hostess: Dorothy Park  
Program: Joyce Scadden

## Hope Circle

April 16 — 7pm  
Hostess: Lori Vander Pas  
Program: Margaret Wilber

## Mary Circle

April 17 — 7pm  
Hostess: Joyce Kautz  
Program: Helen Robbe

## Spring Salad Luncheon

April 26

## Resurrection Women Retreat

April 27-29 — Ripon College

# Mission Trip Fund-raiser

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The Mission Trip team is doing a Plant Sale Fund-raiser with Hahn's True Value in Hartford. The cards are in the form of a Gift Card, and can be purchased in \$20 increments. The cards are redeemable at Hahn's Garden Center for any plant, tree or shrub from their vast selection of products. This includes all flowers, vegetable plants, and hanging baskets. The cards have no expiration date. Hahn's True Value is generously donating 20% of each sale to this year's mission trip. Please purchase your cards from anyone going on Mission trip or at the Scrip table each Sunday (except Easter Sunday) thru April 15.

Any questions please contact Carla Kramoris at 644-6207 or [kramoris@charter.net](mailto:kramoris@charter.net).

Thank you for your support!

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*If God is  
your Co-pilot  
- swap seats!*

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# Lay members to annual conference

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*Meet the Lay Members to Annual Conference*

Clayt and Barbara married in 1961 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. Barbara grew up there and Clayt grew up in Mora, MN. They have lived in MN, SD, and PA before moving to Hartford in 1976.

After serving in the Air Force for four years Clayt then attended the U of Minn., receiving his BSB in 1962 – Accounting major. He earned his CMA certification in 1990. He worked for Menasha Corp. from 1972 until retirement in 1997. He has been church treasurer for many years. He is active in the Hartford Lions Club and the American Legion.

Barbara graduated as an RN from Hamilton General School of Nursing, Hamilton, Ontario in 1960. She came to the US legally in Jan. 1961 and became a US citizen in 1977. Barbara worked most of her married years as a RN and most recently at Hartford Memorial Hospital in the OB unit. She also retired in 1997. She enjoys genealogy.

Their children Jeff and Gail were confirmed at FUMC. Jeff and his wife Jenny along with their children Ali (11 years) and Jack (7) live in Wausau. Gail and her husband Rick along with Gail's step-son Matthew (13 years) live in Verona, WI while her step-son David (19 years) attends UW-Stevens Point.

# Knit, Purl & Pray

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The Prayer Shawl ministry of FUMC started nearly 2 years ago, and in these 2 years we're distributed over 65 shawls.

Our mission is to knit/crochet loving prayer shawls and lap robes for people needing the warm arms of concern wrapped around them. The shawls and lap robes include a card with a prayer of blessing that the recipient may find God's love, comfort and peace as they wear it.

We meet once a month to work on shawls, enjoy conversation and bless the shawls ready for distribution. As we knit, how and when the shawl actually begins to look like itself is always different. Out of a single strand of yarn, a soft fabric begins to take shape that will wrap around someone and speak love into another heart; that is the magical mystery of a loving prayer shawl. We have received many special letters of thanks from recipients, which are included in our scrapbook of activities.

Non-knitters or crocheters can get involved by requesting a shawl or lap robe for a friend or loved one. Requests for shawls can be made to the church office 673-3290 and there is no cost. Donations for more yarn are always gratefully accepted.

A big THANK YOU to all who have contributed yarn and/or money to our ministry.

# Youth Room

Thanks to all who have donated money, items or their time to help us with our youth room. As of the end of December, we have raised slightly over \$8,000 towards our goal of \$25,000. We are still in need of the following items, if you are able to donate them to us:

- Refrigerator
- DVD player
- Kitchen cabinets
- Shelving
- Play station, controllers and games
- Entertainment center
- Table and chairs
- Board games
- Couches, love seats and recliners in good shape
- Tables and chairs
- Anything else you think a youth room could use

Thanks for all your support to date. We couldn't have done it without you!! If you have any questions, contact Brian Swenson or Victoria Anderson

## PENNY CHALLENGE

Money raised for Mission Trip current standings:

- 1st place – \$206.02 Counselors
- 2nd place – \$143.61 Girls
- 3rd place - \$73.85 Boys

Final results will be determined at a later date.

Total \$423.63 almost pays for 1 youth to go on Mission Trip.

## JUNIOR HIGH APRIL YOUTH GROUP

**April 7th** — Sunrise Service Practice for Junior & Senior High April 7 from 9:30-11am. Includes service practice, set up for breakfast, decorate eggs.

**April 8th** — Service at 6:30am Youth Group to church by 6am  
No youth group on April 8 in the evening.

**April 15th** — Bowling  
– details to follow .

**April 22th** — Brrrrring Hello?

## SENIOR HIGH MARCH YOUTH GROUP

**April 7th** — Practice and Preparation for Easter Service 9:30-11:00am.

**April 8th** — Easter Sunrise Youth Sponsored service with breakfast to follow. There will be no Youth Group that evening.

**April 22** — Open Gym at the Hartford Recreation Dept. 1-3pm.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Total raised \$1,578.00

Number of people served: 255 served  
Children under 3: 7

Youth 3-13: 42

Seniors: 49

Adults: 157

28 (donations) no-shows

At-the-Door sales: 58

20% of total sales at the door

Thank you to everybody to helped out with the spaghetti dinner. Many hands made very light work. Volunteers went above and beyond, all with a cheerful disposition.

# Scrip

Thanks for your support and use of the scrip program to help raise funds for the mission trip. We are going New Castle Pennsylvania this year and still have a long way to go towards raising enough money for all of us to attend. Consider using scrip when you make everyday household or business purchases, whether you are going on mission trip or not. When you buy scrip gift certificates or gift cards, a percentage of the price comes back to the mission trip to help raise funds. The percentage can be as high as 20% in some cases. And the best part about it is that it doesn't cost you any additional money to buy scrip. There is absolutely no additional cost to you to participate in this fundraiser. The following is a partial list of business that participate in the scrip program:

**Retail Stores:** American Eagle, Douglas Jeweler, Eddie Bauer, Hahn True Value, Home Depot, Kmart, Kohl's, Menards Radio Shack, Walgreen's

**Grocery Stores:** County Market, Komp Bros Market, Piggly Wiggly, Sentry

**Gas stations:** Kwik Trip, BP, West Side Mart

**Restaurants:** Applebee's, Olive Garden, Burger King, Outback Steak House, Chili's, Maggianos, Panera Bread, Cousins Subs, Pizza Hut, Cracker Barrel, Ponderosa, Culvers, Starbucks, KFC, Subway, McDonalds, Texas Roadhouse, Mineshaft, Wendy's, Perc Place

Scrip can be purchased every Sunday during coffee hour and during the second service. Please to limit your ordering/pick up of scrip gift cards and gift certificates to the Sunday time frame. If you have any questions, contact Becki Swenson or Lisa DuPont.

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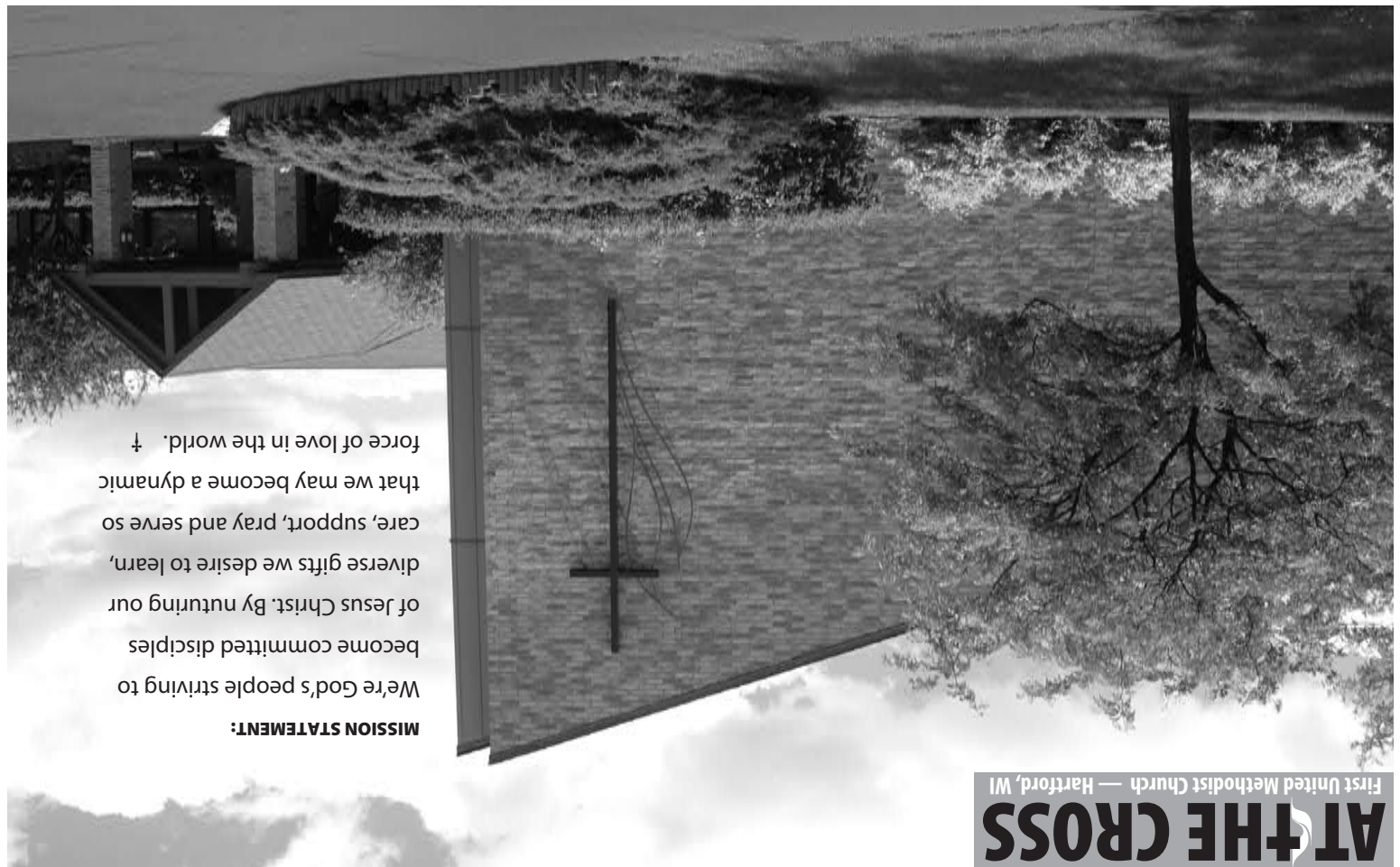


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