

MAY 2022

First United Methodist Church — Hartford, WI



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FUMC Mission Statement

"Making Disciples of Christ"

Music in May!

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY!

MAY 15 9:30 AM ONLY

May 15th will be a very special day for worship here at FUMC! It will be a celebration of music in our church. There will be quartets, choirs, solos, Fourte and more. Please join us for this worship in music.

YEARLY HYMN SING MAY 29

We will again have a hymn sing on the last Sunday of May, **May 29th at 9:30**. You get to participate by picking out the music! Please give us your suggestions as soon as possible so we can put a wonderful service of song together. We pray when we sing!! Call the office at 262-673-3290 or email us at office@fumchartford.com!



From the desk of Pastor Cheryl.....

It's May! Easter is over....or is it? Most of us think of Easter as a one-day event- when we sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and decorate the sanctuary with flowers and new life, we eat the ham and then it's done. What we don't realize is that "Easter" in the church is a season called "Eastertide" and it lasts for 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus all the way to Pentecost Sunday. Each Sunday during Eastertide is considered a mini "Easter" Sunday. It is a feast of joy and celebration! During worship in the month of May we will be celebrating!

On Sunday, May 1st we will celebrate that one of our own has been called into ministry and will preach that day about his call. On Sunday, May 8th we will celebrate not just mothers, but volunteers in the church and on Sunday, May 15th we celebrate the music of the church with a very special Music Sunday. This Sunday will also be the last day of Sunday School and we will celebrate with our teachers and students following worship.

On May 22nd we celebrate the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, and on Sunday, May 29th we celebrate with our traditional hymn sing. It's a month of celebration Sundays! I have a feeling we could use some celebration in our lives and I, for one, am looking forward to continuing the praise of Jesus and what his resurrection means for us! Join us, won't you? As we celebrate the abundant life we have received! Happy 50 Days of Easter!

Blessings, *Pastor Cheryl*



SUMMERFIELD MEAL MINISTRY

Summerfield United Methodist Church at 728 E. Juneau in Milwaukee has been serving a free hot meal on Saturday evenings for over a decade, for the homeless and those in need. We have been supporting their mission by taking a hot meal 4-5 times a year since they started. There is an inspirational video about the program on their website if you are interested in hearing more. Just go to: Summerfieldchurch.org and click on meal program.

Our next dates are **August 13 & November 5**. They are always looking for more partners. If you might be interested in preparing a meal for them, perhaps with extended family, a group of friends or coworkers, please contact Carla Kramoris to learn more. They currently are providing 40-60 meals every Saturday. Thank you to our congregation for your continued generous support .



A **BIG** thank you to Emilee Mooney and the Sunday School Staff for all the hard work this school year with Sunday School, Messy Church and Middle Youth Group! We appreciate all you!

Also thanks to Jeanne Konrad, Victoria Triick and all the helpers that made Messy Church and other meals come together!

AND thank you to Brittany Hahn for stepping up to pull together all the youth through High School age, and create opportunities for them! We are blessed! There are so many great things happening at FUMC.

Focus on Ministry- HOSPITALITY!

I was asked this month to write about our Ministry Team. I came across this article written by Scott Cormode on faithward.org, and it really touched home with me: *“Hospitality is a Christian practice that extends all the way back to the Book of Genesis. Although in contemporary Western culture, people use the term to mean catering a meal or putting on a party, hospitality means far more as a Christian practice. Hospitality is the offer to extend the privileges of community to those who do not have the standing to expect it, especially those who are vulnerable because they are strangers. Hospitality often involves sharing meals, but hospitality is about more than eating. Eating is, for example, one of the privileges of being in my family. My kids have the right to expect to be fed every single night. When I share a meal with them, it is not an act of kindness. I owe it to them. When I share such a meal with an outsider, I invite them into my family for that brief period. Hospitality is an offer to identify with outsiders and to treat them like insiders. Hospitality is extending privilege across difference.”*

A Little Bit About the Hospitality Ministry Team

The Hospitality Ministry team’s job is to make our church a warm, welcoming environment for people to worship and find Christ. We strive to create opportunities for members to not only get to know one another and enjoy various fun activities, but to open the door for our members to invite friends outside of church to these activities. As we know, our mission statement is “Making Disciples of Christ.” What better way to expose our “outside friends” with our faith and church family than a fun event like a soup lunch, game night, or one of the many other activities we host.

So, what is the Hospitality Ministry team currently involved in?

- Keeping the Hospitality Visitors’ cart organized and stocked with visitor gifts,
- Putting together welcome gift bags for new members.
- Coordination of, and participation in, the new Coffee Hour Service Team.
- Keeping the kitchen stocked with supplies for coffee hour and other Hospitality events.
- Manage a Sysco (food ordering) account for the church and assist other ministry teams in ordering food.
- Sponsored and maintain the Turquoise Table by the Community Garden.
- Design and create the float and coordinate the volunteers for the Hartford Christmas Parade.
- Coordinate meals for Messy Church and Vacation Bible School.
- Plan and host the Advent Luncheon, soup lunches, ecumenical meals, ice cream socials, and to-go chicken dinners.
- New this summer – coordinate a monthly grill out/potluck for Thursday night casual outdoor service.
- Greet visitors and make them feel welcome and at home.

I know a lot of the things we do are centered around food because if you have food, people will come. People love to commune with each other at the table. Food is heart; we need it to survive, but it is also a wonderful way to show hospitality. I personally feel it is a very non-confrontational way to show our love to others and make them feel comfortable at our church, so we can then take the next step and show them our love of Christ.

Our team is divided into sub-teams, because many hands make light work!

Part-time member is responsible for the ministry position/job they have chosen to do. They generally do not need to attend any meetings unless their event requires it (e.g., Advent Luncheon). They are not expected to assist in any additional events unless they choose to.

Flex member may or may not have a sub-team responsibility but are willing to assist in any of the events we sponsor, as well as the special areas they are in charge of. They also attend our meetings as needed. We meet approximately 6-8 times a year.

Victoria Triick – Team Coordinator and Flex member; in charge of name badges and all things hospitality, especially in the kitchen.

Jeanne Konrad – Flex member; handles advertising with Chamber of Commerce and Washington Country Board of Tourism; provides updates to the FUMC informational pamphlet; and handles our budget. She is a busy lady and my right hand. (Continued on the next page)

Focus on Ministry- HOSPITALITY! (Continued from p.3)

Karen Bidwell – Flex member; she is the lead on the Christmas parade float and assists in numerous events throughout the year.

Shari Purman – Part time member; plans and organizes the Advent Luncheon.

Leigh Ann Hass – Flex member; assists with Advent Luncheon, produces our flyers and brochures, and orders our “coffee to go” gift cups and pens.

Chris Hoxworth – Flex member

Melony Berling – Flex member

Dave Bohovsky – Flex member

Becky and Bob Cleland – Flex members

Dina Lane – Flex member

Michele Morin – Flex member

Jay Triick – Flex member

Danielle Pezzino- Part time member- Chief editor of all articles for Hospitality- she makes me look good every month. I think I have included all our worker bees in this list, but if I missed you, I sincerely apologize and owe you a cup of coffee.

Part Time positions currently available:

Roses for Baptism – This involves purchasing a white rose and placing it on the altar for baptisms.

Name Badges – Coordinating the ordering of name badges for new members or current members seeking a name badge.

Flex Member positions available – We can always use more flex members to help with events; many hands make light work. If you are interested in just helping for one event or in one area, this is something we can accommodate. Even though many of our events are food based, don't worry if you are not kitchen savvy. You do not need any special kitchen skills. There are always other tasks that need to be done. *If you are interested in becoming involved in the Hospitality Ministry team in any capacity, please contact Victoria Triick (contact information below).*

May Hospitality News

Coffee Hour Shake Up

In the search to involve more people in Coffee Hour, Hospitality is creating a Coffee Hour Service Team. The Service Team will fill in when a Coffee Hour host has not been indicated for a specific Sunday.

How this will work: Ministry groups are still encouraged to sign up as Coffee Hour hosts. This should be done by the last Sunday of the prior month (e.g., sign up by 5/29 to host coffee hour in June). Nothing will change here, as ministry groups will continue to provide their own snacks and will set up, host, and clean up. As always, you can choose where to designate any monetary donations. When the service team is signed up, they will take care of set up, hosting, and clean up, but they would be looking for other members of the congregation to provide food donations. If you love to bake or contribute food, this is the perfect opportunity for you to become involved. We are grateful to have a congregation that enjoys fellowship with each other and are looking forward to these new opportunities to connect. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Name Badge Order – EXTENDED DATES – May 1st

I will be placing a name badge order for new members and anyone else that is interested in a name badge. Name badge forms are on the Hospitality cart next to the front entrance. If you are a new member, please complete your name badge coupon that was in your welcome gift bag. Please turn completed forms and coupons into the office by Sunday, May 1st.

Blessings,

Victoria Triick - Hospitality Ministry Team Coordinator

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News from Emilee...



Greetings, Friends! Let's dig right in to the month of May with things you will want to put on your calendar!

May 4th – Will be the last Messy Church (until we officially start up again in September.) I hear there may be some things in the works for this summer for all of us to gather, so don't be too sad!

Messy Church is from 6-7:30pm with dinner, prayer, crafts and FUN!
We will be having a Taco Bar with all the fixin's!

May 8th – Mother's Day Celebration! Please note, there is **no Sunday School** on this day.

May 15th – There will be ONE SERVICE at 9:30AM. This service will be a special treat for everyone, as it will involve all things MUSIC! Along with all the other music planned, the children will be learning a song to perform, as well. You don't want to miss it! After the worship, we will be having an End of the Year Sunday School Celebration in Fellowship Hall.
All are invited to join in the celebration!

May 18th – Middle Grade Youth Group will meet for the last time until September. Youth Group is from 5:30 -7pm in the downstairs youth room.
Bring your friends!

I can't put into words how much I adore working with all of our volunteers, you & and your families. My heart cup runneth over!

Blessings,

Emilee Mooney

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Team Members Needed for Food Truck Party VBS!

We need **YOU** to join us on our way to
Food Truck Party VBS!

Contact: **Emilee Mooney** at
Emilee.fumc@gmail.com

To sign up for opportunities to serve,
lead, and most of all, **HAVE FUN** at our
Food Truck Party!

Join us as get **On a Roll with God!**
FUMC VBS takes place on **June 20th –**
June 23rd from 4:30 – 7PM!
Dinner is included!



Who is ready to sign up
for VBS??!!

Your Mission:
TO HAVE FUN!
Join us for a Food Truck
Party VBS as we get
On a Roll With God!

VBS takes place June 20 –
June 23 from 4:30 – 7PM

All children age 3 years-5th
grade are welcome!

Please register at:
[https://hartford-first-
umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/](https://hartford-first-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/)

This link will allow you to
register your child to partic-
ipate AND it is able to regis-
ter you and/or your child
(entering 6th grade &
above)
to volunteer at VBS.



MISSION TEAM NEWS

Below are the opportunities to donate to this years "In-Gathering" for Annual Conference. All items must be received by June 8- they will be transported to Annual Conference by Pastor Cheryl

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5 to 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2 to 3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

*If you choose to purchase all these items, please place in bag as listed above and drop off in box at church

OR

*Purchase 1 or more of the items listed above and drop off at church-we will gather and put bags together as a group

OR

*Provide a monetary donation (We will accept donations to church and then track so a check can be made out to Midwest Missions at the time of drop off)

OR

Home Care 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
- 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid

*If you choose to donate a complete kit please ensure all items are NEW & Placed in the bucket.

OR

*Purchase 1 or more items listed above and drop off at church-we will gather and put in buckets together as a group

OR

*Provide a monetary donation (We will accept donations to church and then track so a check can be made out to Midwest Missions at the time of drop off)

Thank you for your interest and concern in this project!
FUMC Mission Team

Accountable Leadership Board Meeting Summary March 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer.

Spiritual Learning

Reminder that the Kay Kotan webinar on “Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World” is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Several have signed up. If you’re interested in attending see Pastor Cheryl.

Pastoral Updates

Maundy Thursday worship will include a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00.

Good Friday services are scheduled for 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Easter worship at 8:30 a.m., Easter Breakfast at 9:30 prepared by Youth and 10:45 worship to follow.

Last Messy Church will be 5/4 until we resume in the fall.

Sunday 5/15 will be one service at 9:30 with an end of Sunday School celebration in Fellowship Hall.

This will begin our summer worship schedule with one 9:30 service on Sunday. Thursday evening worship will begin on June 2nd.

Finance Team

Financial reporting will stay with the church and not be outsourced to Vickney. Summary Green Sheets were shared. Receipts are running slightly behind payment through January and February.

ShelbyNext, a financial and church management software is being researched.

We have received around \$120,000 for the Building Loan Challenge. This will allow us to pay off the loan balance. Additional donations will be transferred to the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Technology Update

New office laptops have been ordered and are waiting for a delivery date.

The sanctuary sound equipment and projector have been ordered and are also waiting for a delivery date. Quotes for the new AV corner booth were shared and a decision made.

Trustees

The property survey will be completed by the end of the month.

A dumpster will be delivered to the church on 4/4 for use with the lower level clean up.

Spring projects are being planned.

Ministry Team Updates

Christian Education—VBS will be June 20th thru 23rd.

Mission—“Rice Pack” planning in progress.

Hospitality—served over 100 people at Ecumenical Soup meal. Coffee Hour teams are being developed. Details in the upcoming newsletter.

Worship—no refreshments will be served after Thursday night worship this summer.

Faith Groups—Saving Grace book study will move to the fall. Serenity Prayer book group has 15 participants and is going well.

Staff Parish Relations: No updates

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18th 2022, 6:30 p.m.

FUMC ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD

Jeanne Konrad	Chair		
John Moscicki	Recording Secretary	Glenn Lepien	Trustee Chair
Brian Swenson	Lay Leader	Rob Bush	Trustee Rep.
Steve Alsum	Lay Member to AC	Carol Staus	Finance Rep
Kathy Triick	SPRC Chair	Mary Jo Langenecker	At Large
Tim Kramoris	SPRC Rep.	David Schlotthauer	At Large
		Amanda Lichtensteiger	At Large



- 05/16 Mike & Debbie Wawrzyn
- 05/17 John & April Wald
Tim & Shari Purman
Greg & Karen Bidwell
- 05/18 Jim & Heidi Gottfried
- 05/20 Joe & Jeanne Konrad
Kyle & Melissa Richards
- 05/29 Richard & Jeannette Rouse

Birthdays

- 05/01 Nick Sterman
- 05/04 Jessica Sutter
- 05/05 Tammy Paquette
Melony Berling
- 05/06 Harrison Gottfried
- 05/09 Ed Johnson
Torryn Dummer
Kyle Richards
- 05/11 Drew Lichtensteiger
- 05/13 Bobby Klockow
Shari Purman
Marissa Telderer
- 05/14 Jill Utter-Reinke
- 05/16 Declan Dummer
Mitzi McLean
- 05/18 Paige Langenecker
Erv Amenda
Cassidy Loosen
- 05/19 Kristen Mueller
- 05/20 Nora Bush
Juan Cuellar
- 05/21 Maddie Hoxworth
Colleen Boelkow
Arrow Shulka
- 05/22 Tyler Hopfensperger
- 05/23 Kay Guntly
- 05/25 Chris Bissett
Riley Odenwald
- 05/26 Brie Garza
- 05/27 Michele Morin
Corinn Pillsbury
Grant Linehan
- 05/28 Haley Mueller
Kyle Loosen
- 05/28 Jaime Navarre
- 05/30 Arv Arveson
Jeannette Rouse
- 05/31 Joe Pfothenauer

Anniversaries

- 05/04 Brian & Leigh Ann Hass
- 05/11 Charles & Patty Getz
Randy & Lisa DuPont
- 05/12 Larry & Marcia Lubbert
- 05/13 Ray & Carol Krajewski
- 05/14 Rod & Judy Bartlow

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PLANNED! PHOTOS JUNE 8 & 9th !!

A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken by using the website below:

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=64183&step=2>

****When you click on the website, you will see a calendar just about in the middle. Click the arrows in the upper right hand corner of it until you reach the June calendar. The two dates in the gray boxes are what you click on to make an appointment. Please let us know if you are having trouble.**

Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.

If you do not have access to the internet to sign-up, please see Emilee Mooney & she will be able to easily sign you up.

So please, sign-up today!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

WORSHIP
with us

May 1—8:30 & 10:45 with Sunday School

May 8—8:30 & 10:45 No Sunday School

May 15—Music Sunday Worship

at 9:30 am only With Sunday School (last day)

May 22—9:30 worship only

May 29—Worship at 9:30 (Memorial Sunday)

HYMN SING SUNDAY!!

If you have a favorite hymn or two that you would like us to include on May 29th for the hymn sing, please call the church office or talk to Robin sometime so we can put our service together.

Thursday night worship will begin on June 2nd at 7:00 pm weather permitting!