



## First United Methodist Church

Waukesha, Wisconsin • Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### TOWER CHIMES

August 2026

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be celebrated on **August 2**. If you are willing to serve, please sign up on the church website. For those worshipping online, please have your communion elements ready.

#### ORGAN REPAIR

Your gift can help repair our beautiful organ! FUMC is blessed that our organ is a significant part of our worship. Unlike some churches where the organ might be hidden away, ours is front and center. Our organ will be 50 years old next year and has required almost no investment in repairs. Now, a major portion of the internal workings are at the Schantz Organ Company in Ohio to replace leather and gaskets within the "airbox" that feeds into the pipes and makes the beautiful sounds we hear. John Sheaffer, our amazing organist, is not deterred and can still find notes to play. However, he is eager to have the organ fully functional again! The cost is \$40,000. Fund raising has already kicked off with a generous \$10,000 gift. Please support this repair by indicating "organ repair" on your check, in any amount, in the offering plate or mailed to the church, or give safely online.

#### UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

We join others in praying for the Fox Cities as they were impacted by a destructive tornado on Monday, July 27. The EF-3 tornado included hurricane force winds and hailstones as large as 4" in diameter, causing widespread damage to homes, churches, businesses and infrastructure in Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha. In response, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has awarded a solidarity grant to the WI Conference, which will amplify the relief efforts for this disaster and the severe flooding that impacted the state in late June. Pray for those who have lost their homes and their livelihoods, and if you're able, financially support UMCOR's US relief and recovery efforts. Checks can be made payable to FUMC with 'UMCOR tornado relief' on the memo line. Place in the offering plate, mail to the church or give safely online. 100% of your gift supports relief efforts.

#### INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP 2026

The Minnesota Intergenerational Mission Trip Team would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and support for our trip. We had a wonderful time serving in the Twin Cities, meeting new people, and building relationships with each other. We did yard work at four senior citizen homes, getting an opportunity to meet some lovely women and even a couple parrots! We also had the opportunity to serve with three organizations - a local thrift store supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities (Arc Value Village), a food rescue organization that serves the city, (Loaves & Fishes) and a meal distribution organization that feeds the world (Feed My Starving Children). Amongst our team we had favorite places we served and growing places we served. But in all, we had a wonderful time serving together. We also had the opportunity to tour Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church with a staff member and learn about their ministries. We walked through the Walker sculpture garden and ate at Malcolm Yards Market. We began each morning with a Good Word of the Day and ended with Evening Vespers led by the adults on the trip. We are so thankful to all the individuals who made the trip a memorable experience.

We look forward to sharing more about our trip with shareholders and prayer partners on **Sunday, September 27**, during the Stockholder's Lunch.

## PINE LAKE TOTAL !

Thank you to all who were able to honor the ministry of Pastor Amy and Cheryl Minor with financial gifts to help make the waterfront accessible at Pine Lake Camp, a United Methodist Camping and Retreat Ministry in Westfield. We raised \$4,085 for this important project. Thank you for your care and your love.

## FUMC CHURCH PICNIC

Grab your lawn chairs and your appetite, because our annual Church Picnic is BACK. And, this year the smoker is working overtime! Join us on **Sunday, August 9** at Bethesda Park. We'll worship together in the sanctuary at 9:30am that morning, then head to the park for an afternoon of fellowship, food, fun, and friendship. Gather at 11:30am with lunch served at noon.

Pastor Joel & Tim McCawley are running the pit and the menu is no joke. We're talking low-&-slow smoked chicken, tender pulled pork, a whole lineup of homemade BBQ sauces, and more coming straight off the fire. All you bring is a dish to share and your whole crew.

We're building the rest of the spread together, so we need your help to feed a hungry crowd. Sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary or call the church office, 262-542-4256. Here's what we're still looking for:

- Salads (6-7 needed)
- Fruit trays or fruit salad (2-3)
- Veggie trays (1-2)
- Boxes of individual bagged chips (2-3)
- Desserts (9-10)

When you sign up, tell us how many are in your group, so the pit crew cooks the right amount. Come hungry and bring a friend. We'll see you at the park with the smoker rolling!

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & OLIVE OIL

Church and Society will sell Fair Trade and organic coffee, chocolate, and extra virgin olive oil on **Sunday, August 9** after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash or checks made out to FUMC with "Fair Trade" in the memo line.

## 2026 PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION

The Church and Society Committee urges you to vote in the upcoming election on **Tuesday, August 11**.

Voting information is found at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. Find your voting place, registration information, view your ballot, and learn what documents are required to vote. **Be sure to check your polling location before you go to vote.** You can also call (608) 266-8005 or email [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)

If you are disabled and need help returning your ballot, call the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at (844) 347-8683 or email [infr@disabilityvote.org](mailto:infr@disabilityvote.org).

If you received an absentee ballot, don't forget to:

- Mail it back in the prepaid envelope, or
- Return it to the clerk's office in person, or
- Return it in person to your polling place on Election Day

Thank you for voting.



## FORMING FAITH FAMILY FROLIC

In preparation for Kick-Off Sunday, September 13, we're giving our kids' ministry a fresh start, and we want you to see it before we launch. Spend an evening with Pastor Joel and Jenny Daugherty, **Wednesday, August 12**, 6-8pm, in the Asbury Room. We obtained a new curriculum built around the way kids actually learn, and we'd love to put it in your hands to hear what you think. There will be pizza. Bring your questions and ideas.

If you're a parent or grandparent, or you just love the kids of this church, this night is for you. Let us know you're coming so we have enough food and space. Sign up on our [website](#) under the sign-up area. Need childcare? Give the office a call at 262-542-4256. See you there.

## SUPPORT SOPHIA *Calling All Ice Cream Lovers!*

**Culver's Night** in Elm Grove will benefit SOPHIA on **Wednesday, August 12**, 4-8pm, 12580 W Bluemound Road. All you have to do is buy food or ice cream and SOPHIA will receive a portion of the proceeds. What could be easier (and sweeter)?

*First United Methodist Church is a member of SOPHIA, a network of faith communities advocating for justice, equity and dignity for all residents of Waukesha County.*

**Sundaes for SOPHIA** – Join Church and Society, **Sunday, August 23**, following worship service for an ice cream sundae bar! Sweet creamy ice cream will be served with chocolate, caramel, whipped cream, sprinkles and more. This is a fundraiser for SOPHIA. If you can volunteer, contact Susan Mingesz ([smingesz@gmail.com](mailto:smingesz@gmail.com)).

## ABBEY ATWATER RECITAL

FUMC is hosting Abbey Atwater's clarinet recital, **Tuesday, August 18, 7pm**, in the sanctuary. Abbey is a 2014 Dancey Scholarship winner who's now teaching and playing professionally. Recital is free and open to all.

## PATHFINDERS *Two opportunities to help Pathfinders of Milwaukee in August*

FUMC Missions team invites you to help provide dinner for the hungry folks at Pathfinders. This month a Tex-Mex meal and dessert will be prepared and dropped off on **Friday, August 21**. Sign up to provide dinner items in the Asbury Room.

Then dust off your sandwich making skills and help feed hungry teens and young adults - no experience necessary, just a caring heart. We'll meet in the Asbury Room, **Tuesday, August 25**, 9-10am to make and pack 40 bagged lunches for delivery. Questions? Contact Kristi Magoon ([krisitmagoon@prodigy.net](mailto:krisitmagoon@prodigy.net)).

*Pathfinders History Moment:* In the 1980's Pathfinders and three other local homeless and runaway youth shelters formed the WI Association for Homeless and Runaway Services. Their youth shelter moved to the current location of the Pathfinders Shelter on Milwaukee's East Side.

## BILL PETERSON'S UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF GIG

**Saturday, August 22**, 11am-1pm - Bill is teaming up with Mama D's Coffee in Wales, 104 W. Main St., to raise awareness and collect financial support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

## SCHLITZ MANSION GARDEN & HOME TOUR

John Sheaffer and Tim Baack invite you to spend some time in their Victorian home and garden, **Sunday, August 23**, 3-6pm, 2004 W. Highland Ave., Milwaukee. This grand home was built in 1890 by Victor Schlitz, the nephew of brewery founder, Joseph Schlitz. The home is furnished with Victorian antiques and Asian art. Easiest directions: I-94 east to 35<sup>th</sup> St., north to Highland Ave. and east to 20<sup>th</sup> St. Parking is on either side of Highland and 20<sup>th</sup> Street

## BLOOD DRIVE WITH PROHEALTH WAUKESHA MEMORIAL

Share hope and save lives as FUMC partners with ProHealth Waukesha Memorial's upcoming blood drive at Waukesha Public Library on **Monday, August 24** from 2–6pm. To make your donation appointment, locate the blood drive flyer on the FUMC community board or visit [Versiti's donor portal](#):

## FUMC SUMMER FAITH IN FICTION BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Thursday, August 27**, to discuss *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*. Come 10am at Mama D's, 104 W Main St, Wales - or join us online at 7pm. Come ready to share your thoughts on this heartwarming novel about a terminally ill 17-year-old girl and an 83-year-old woman in a Glasgow hospital who bond over a shared art project. Realizing their combined ages equal 100, they paint 100 pictures that tell the vibrant stories of their intertwined lives. A great book, great conversation, and a great cup of coffee - we'd love to see you! Sign up on our [website](#) for the in-person or online discussion.

## XYZ ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual XYZ Retreat is right around the corner, **September 13-15** at Pine Lake Methodist Camp. Our retreat leader is Philip Chard and the topic this year is *Happiness: What Is It and How Do We Grow It?*

It's not too late to sign up or get registration forms - the deadline to register is **September 1**. Please see Veronica Radowicz ([vradowicz@gmail.com](mailto:vradowicz@gmail.com)) for registration forms or if you have any questions.

## KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Fuel up, train hard, gather gear, get ready! It's almost time for Kick-off Sunday! Join us **Sunday, September 13** for the Forming Faith Kick-off Celebration! We will be spotlighting a few faith formation opportunities; and, we will be blessing your backpacks, briefcases, and cell phones (so be sure to bring them to worship!). Wear your favorite team colors. After worship, we'll continue the celebration with tailgating snacks and games.

## SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sunday Suppers continue **Sunday, September 27**. Join us then for a delightful Greek feast!

## FUMC "FOUNDATION FACT" FOR AUGUST

Happy 55th anniversary FUMC Memorial Foundation! The Foundation accepts memorial gifts, bequests and estate gifts which enable FUMC to cover unexpected expenses or support mission and ministry opportunities. There are many ways families can contribute to the Memorial Foundation to honor the memory of a loved one. Most often, FUMC or the Memorial Foundation is listed in the obituary for those who wish to make a donation. Additionally, an individual or family could elect to donate unused property, such as a house. The Memorial Foundation will then sell the house and invest the proceeds until the church has a need. In recent years, the Foundation accepted one such generous gift, which greatly helped FUMC continue its strong programming throughout and following the pandemic. For more information on ways to give to the Memorial Foundation, contact FUMC's business manager at [fumcfinance@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:fumcfinance@fumcwaukesha.org).



**IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY  
THE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

## BIRTHDAYS

### August Birthdays

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 08/01 | Karen McCloud       |
| 08/03 | Daisy Luczak        |
| 08/04 | Aidan Lincicum      |
| 08/05 | Laurie Freund       |
| 08/05 | Gary Ebert          |
| 08/07 | Carsen Davis        |
| 08/07 | Ruth Greenwood      |
| 08/08 | Leon Schwerin       |
| 08/09 | Raymond Masiakowski |
| 08/09 | Leah Trovato        |
| 08/09 | Rose Andersen       |
| 08/09 | Greta Hietpas       |
| 08/10 | Shannon Blum        |
| 08/10 | Nanc Ihrcke         |
| 08/11 | Darlene Weiland     |
| 08/11 | Bob Pelikan         |
| 08/13 | Chris Gerovac       |
| 08/14 | Jenny Daugherty     |
| 08/15 | Alex Guenther       |
| 08/15 | Sherri Haynes       |
| 08/15 | Julia Loehrl        |
| 08/16 | Grace McNabb        |
| 08/16 | Mara Kulp           |
| 08/16 | Bill Peterson       |
| 08/17 | Nora Kulp           |
| 08/17 | Carol Krause        |

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|-------|----------------------|
| 08/17 | Pat Roney            |
| 08/18 | Alli Chase           |
| 08/18 | Char Ough            |
| 08/19 | Larilyn Carpenter    |
| 08/20 | Steve Frantz         |
| 08/20 | Mike Carroll         |
| 08/20 | Tony Casciato Jr     |
| 08/20 | Katie Connor         |
| 08/21 | Camden Sheskey       |
| 08/21 | Vera Arnas Smith     |
| 08/21 | Maxwell Bhanpuri     |
| 08/23 | Bishop Dan Schwerin  |
| 08/24 | Jason Luczak         |
| 08/25 | Jim Hewitt           |
| 08/25 | Lyle Perrin          |
| 08/26 | Patricia Rankin-Koch |
| 08/26 | Sally Ryan           |
| 08/26 | Craig Henry          |
| 08/26 | Nancy Lidwin         |
| 08/27 | Jeanne Roney         |
| 08/28 | Sharon Goodrum       |
| 08/28 | Cindy Epton          |
| 08/28 | Paul Sobczak         |
| 08/28 | Hadley Byrne         |
| 08/30 | Heinz Melzl          |

### Early September Birthdays

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|-------|------------------|
| 09/01 | Pam Shook        |
| 09/01 | Todd Loehrl      |
| 09/02 | Mae Luczak       |
| 09/02 | Erin Blum        |
| 09/04 | Sydney Gergen    |
| 09/05 | Emmi Roso        |
| 09/06 | Lou Schneckloth  |
| 09/06 | Chris Nesbitt    |
| 09/06 | Lenora Venes     |
| 09/07 | Rich Nickels     |
| 09/07 | Arlo Corrie      |
| 09/10 | Anita Richardson |
| 09/12 | Kent Johnson     |
| 09/15 | Mary Kost        |
| 09/16 | Asher Venes      |
| 09/17 | Heidi Zimmermann |
| 09/18 | Chris Ramsey     |
| 09/18 | Emma Mayer       |
| 09/19 | Pete Kreitzer    |



### Have an announcement to feature in the Chimes?

Articles for the next Tower Chimes are due by **Tuesday, August 25**. Late submissions may not be featured. You can email articles to: [Office@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:Office@fumcwaukesha.org)

**No email?** Feel free to drop off information or call the church office at 262.542.4256

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES @ FUMC

### PIECEMAKERS

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 9am-12pm, room 123**

contact Judy [judypatti@wi.rr.com](mailto:judypatti@wi.rr.com)

Join this quilting group. We utilize donated fabric while enjoying the camaraderie of each other's company. No particular skills needed. There are tasks for everyone.

### YARN TWISTERS - \*\*SUMMER SCHEDULE\*\*

**Every second and fourth Tuesday 9:30am – see location below**

contact Joyce [jac1977@wi.rr.com](mailto:jac1977@wi.rr.com)

Yarn Twister summer schedule begins June 9. We will be meeting on the *second and fourth Tuesday of each month June, July and August*. The second Tuesday we meet in room 209 at church, from 9:30-11:30am. The fourth Tuesday of the month we will meet off site at members' homes. Contact Joyce Collins for those locations if you wish to join us. We are a fun group of knitter and crocheters who love to meet new people. We can provide help with projects and even enjoy teaching beginners. Contact Joyce Collins [jac1977@wi.rr.com](mailto:jac1977@wi.rr.com)

### LIVING FAITH TODAY

**Every Sunday after worship, room 216**

contact JoAnn [giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net)

A discussion group for adults, exploring current events through the lens of faith and how it relates to the world around us. Each week a new topic is discussed. Members of the class come and go as their life allows. This is a hybrid class.

**For Zoom link** [jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org)

### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 10:45-11:45am, room 123**

contact Dirk [dwilken1@wi.rr.com](mailto:dwilken1@wi.rr.com)

Calling all fellas! This ongoing group offers fellowship with other men, good food, and good discussions about being a man of faith in today's society. Each month a different discussion leader brings a topic for the group to discuss.

### XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month (Sept. - June), Asbury Room**

contact Veronica [vradowicz@gmail.com](mailto:vradowicz@gmail.com)

Designed for the 50+ crowd yet open to all. Bring a dish to pass anytime after 11:15am. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45am with a program to follow after lunch.

### CREATIVE PALS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, 10am-4pm, room 209**

contact JoAnn [giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net) or Lori [loritompkins@gmail.com](mailto:loritompkins@gmail.com)

A monthly gathering of people who take dedicated time to work on a variety of projects together. Whether your project is scrapbooking, crochet, organizing, crafting, or something else, this is a place where you can get away and work on it.

### SUNDAY SUPPERS

**Every last Sunday of the month, 5pm, Asbury Room**

contact [jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org)

Each month a different cuisine (Italian, Mexican, German, etc.) shared - dishes and conversation. Sign up in the hallway.

### CHURCH AND SOCIETY

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, 2pm, room 216**

contact Susan [smingesz@gmail.com](mailto:smingesz@gmail.com)

Each month a different topic is discussed that centers around Social Justice Action.

### CIRCLE OF SISTERS

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, room 216**

contact [jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org](mailto:jenny.daugherty@fumcwaukesha.org)

A women's ministry of fellowship, discussion, and worship to meet the unique needs of women.

## MULTIPLE WAYS TO KEEP UPDATED ON FUMC HAPPENING

### ONLINE OPTIONS: FUMC WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Worship services online** (live services 9:30am) <https://www.youtube.com/@fumcwaukesha6341> or view past services <https://fumcwaukesha.org/services>
- **Weekly worship bulletin** is linked to **FUMC homepage** each week <https://fumcwaukesha.org/>
- **ENGAGE tab on website** contains snapshots of activities & opportunities to serve <https://fumcwaukesha.org/engage>
- **"Follow Us"** we post almost every day (sometimes a couple of times a day)
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/fumcwaukesha/> **Instagram:** (<https://www.facebook.com/fumcwaukesha/>)  
For FUMC posts to make it into your feed, first follow our page, then regularly like, comment, or share our posts.

**EVENTS NOT POSTED ONLINE** are on the large bulletin board in the church hallway and announcements during Sunday mornings on the TV screens in the hallway.