



Pastor's Corner



This week on Thursday, an equal number of both clergy and laity from all over Wisconsin will gather under the leadership of Bishop Daniel W. Schwerin for the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference is a defining moment

Methodists from all the local churches within the conference come together as one body. This practice is deeply rooted in John Wesley's vision of Methodists gathering together once a year. Wesley saw the annual conference as the basic body in the Church. And each individual local church is the missional charge of that body to a specific community. This year, our annual conference will take place Thursday, June 4th through Monday, June 8th at Madison Marriott West Convention Center, Middleton, Wisconsin. The theme for this year is "Practicing Hope".

Now, people ask, "What do you do at the Annual Conference?" Primarily, this is the moment for fellowship, formation, and the business of the church. Both clergy and laity come together to pray, worship, have communion, study Scripture, remember those church leaders that passed away in this last year, celebrate the ministries of those retiring clergies, celebrate the ordination of new clergies, recognize clergies who transfer from other Annual Conferences or other denominations and then set the vision for the upcoming year. The Annual Conference also votes on local United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin that have been discontinued because of low membership or other related issues.

The time between these celebrations is filled with new learning opportunities and plenary sessions where the business of the Annual Conference is conducted. Both clergy and laity will hear reports of past and ongoing work, changes to conference rules, recommendations from boards and agencies and resolutions which shape the voice of the Annual Conference. But they will also adopt future goals, vote on matters of budget for the conference upcoming year and look at the direction of the church.

Since the Annual Conference is characterized by long sessions of discussions, teaching and sharing, I invite you to keep our Bishop Dan Schwerin in your prayers that the Spirit of God may lead, transform, and empower us to work together in the spirit of holy conferencing.

In His Service,

Pastor Kyabuntu



Community Outreach & Evangelism: You Don't Have to Be a Pastor to Share Your Faith



I want to tell you something that I think we sometimes forget in the church: evangelism is not a program. It's not a campaign, a special Sunday, or something only pastors do. Evangelism is simply one person telling another person about the most important thing that ever happened to them.

And here's what I love about that – you don't have to be any particular age to do it. You just have to know Jesus.

I've watched a seven-year-old tell her classmate that God loves her and mean every word of it. I've seen a teenager invite a friend to a student event because she finally found something worth sharing. I've seen parents have quiet, honest conversations with their neighbors that planted seeds they may never even see bloom. None of them had a theology degree. None of them had a script. They just had a story, and they were willing to tell it.

That's evangelism. And it's available to every single one of us.

For our kids, faith sharing often looks like friendship. It's inviting someone to church. It's saying "I'll pray for you" and actually doing it. It's being kind when the world tells them to look out for themselves. We are teaching our children right now – through everything we model and everything we say – whether faith is something worth sharing or something to keep quiet. Let's make sure we're teaching them it's worth shouting from the rooftops.

For our students, this is the age when their world is expanding faster than ever. New schools, new teammates, new jobs, new friendships. Every one of those is an open door. Teenagers have a unique kind of credibility with each other that no adult can replicate. When a student lives out their faith genuinely – not perfectly, but genuinely – others notice. And they're drawn to it, because everyone is looking for something real.

For all of us, summer opens up natural opportunities that the busyness of the school year sometimes closes. Neighbors are outside. Conversations happen over fences and at cookouts and at the pool. People are a little more relaxed, a little more open. Pay attention to those moments. You don't have to have a perfect answer to every question – you just have to be willing to say, "Here's what I know, and here's what it's done in my life."

Romans 10:14 asks, "How can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of?" Someone, somewhere, took the time to tell you. This summer, let's make sure we're paying that forward – at every age, in every moment, in every conversation God puts in front of us.

The gospel is too good to keep to ourselves.

Sharing it with you,

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries/
Chair of Community Outreach and Evangelism*

Women of Faith

Women of Faith has chosen to meet at The Prime Minister restaurant on Main Street in Thiensville for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, to celebrate completing the current book study. Those at our April meeting agreed to tackle a Bible study of Revelations next fall. It should be fascinating, and Pastor K will help to find a book and/or resource appropriate for learners at a "beginner" level; one that would focus on applying the book of Revelations to daily living.

"4th Monday" Summer Coffees at 9:00 a.m., will be on June 22, July 27, and August 24 on the Cedarburg Community UMC before Tai Chi class begins at 9:30. Come early for best parking, and BYO coffee, tea, smoothie, bakery, sandwich, or salad to enjoy on the patio in good weather or in the Community Room, if weather is inclement. All are welcome!

Please contact Barbara Anne Ridgely if you have questions.

Fundraising Committee Report



The CUMC Fundraising Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many ways they contributed

to making the Savor the Spring Salad Luncheon successful. We made a profit of \$806! Thank you for everyone's assistance in setting up the tables and decorating them, for the decorated plants to

be given to attendees, for the contribution of tasty salads, rolls, desserts and beverages, for kitchen help, for making the guests feel welcome and for any other way you may have contributed.

We have a Fundraising Committee meetin on Wednesday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the CUMC Library.

Our next fundraiser will be parking for the Strawberry Festival in June. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the sign-up sheets.

Happy Birthday to You!



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| June 3 | Bill Tiedemann | June 23 | Steve Adgate Alan Wagner |
| June 5 | John Cordio Darlene Ronchetti | June 24 | Sharon Wilda |
| June 8 | Bob Janssen | June 25 | Jack Hale |
| June 9 | Amy Cordio | June 26 | Dorothy Hendrix |
| June 11 | Linda Kunz Dale Lietzke | June 27 | Nancy Den Boer Matthew Kunz |
| June 13 | Regina Annor Dee Largin | June 29 | Jaime Stibor |
| June 17 | Meghan Johnson | June 30 | Shelley Schumacher |
| June 18 | Alexandra Janssen | | |

Not on the Birthday List? Please contact the CUMC office.

Many Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls concerning Dale.

We both appreciate them very much!

Pat Lietzke

Summer Is Here – and So Are We!



Summer has a way of sneaking up on us, doesn't it? One minute we're wrapping up the school year, and the next we're making vacation plans, staying up later, and trying to soak up every bit of sunshine Wisconsin will give us. While summer brings a different rhythm for families, it also gives us new opportunities to grow together in faith, create meaningful memories, and stay connected as a church family.

One of the things I love most about children's ministry is watching faith take root in everyday moments. It's often not the big, polished moments that kids remember most – it's the bedtime prayers, the conversations in the car after church, the laughter with friends at a church event, and the reminder that God is present in every season.

As schedules shift this summer, I want to encourage you not to think about faith as one more thing to squeeze into an already busy calendar. Instead, look for simple moments where God is already present. A quick prayer before heading to the pool, reading a short Bible story together before bed, or asking your child what they think God is teaching them lately can open the door to some really meaningful conversations.

I also want to encourage families to stay connected this summer. It's easy to miss what's happening when vacations and activities fill the calendar, but we have some exciting opportunities ahead for kids and families to grow in faith and community together.

Upcoming Summer Events

Strike Up Some Fun! – Saturday, June 20 | 12:00pm | Harbor Hills

Join our Children's Ministry for an afternoon of bowling, laughter, and friendship on Saturday, June 20 at 12:00 PM at Harbor Hills, 101 N. Freeman Drive, Port Washington.

Whether you're a future bowling champion or just coming for the fun, this is a great opportunity to spend time together and make lasting memories. Bring your friends and get ready to roll!

Heroes and Hope Vacation Bible School – Friday, July 24, 9:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday, July 25, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Join us for a special two-day Vacation Bible School adventure on **July 24 & 25!**

Day 1 – Friday: Get ready for a day packed with fun, food, games, activities, music, and so much more as we learn about the love of Jesus and the difference His love makes in our lives.

Day 2 – Service Saturday: We'll put our faith into action by honoring our local firefighters. Children will help prepare care packages, learn about the important ways firefighters serve and protect our community, and discover how we can show gratitude to the everyday heroes among us.

This two-day event is a wonderful opportunity for kids to grow in faith, build friendships, have fun, and learn what it means to serve others with the love of Christ.

More details coming soon!

And of course, Sunday mornings are still one of the best ways for kids to stay grounded and connected throughout the summer months. There is something powerful about worshipping together consistently, even in seasons when life feels less structured.

Whether your family has been part of this church for years or you're just beginning to get connected, I hope you know how grateful we are to walk alongside you. It truly is a privilege to partner with parents, grandparents, and caregivers as together we help raise the next generation to know and love Jesus.

Here's to a summer filled with faith, laughter, friendship, and moments that point us back to God's goodness every step of the way.

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

More Than a Summer Break



Summer can be an interesting season for teenagers. The schedules change, school lets out, sports and vacations pick up, and suddenly there's a little more space to breathe. But even when life slows down a bit, students are still carrying a lot. They're trying to figure out who they are, where they belong, what they believe, and whether faith is actually something meaningful in their everyday lives.

That's one of the reasons I care so deeply about student ministry.

I don't believe students are looking for perfect people or polished answers. More often than not, they're looking for authenticity. They want a place where they can ask hard questions, be themselves, and know they are loved without having to pretend they have everything figured out. My hope is that our youth ministry continues to be that kind of place – a place where students feel seen, heard, welcomed, and reminded that God is walking with them through every part of life.

Summer gives us a unique opportunity to slow down enough to have those conversations. Some of the most meaningful moments happen outside the church walls – around a bonfire, during a late-night conversation, on a trip, or simply sitting together and talking about life and faith in a real way. Those moments matter. They're often where faith begins to move from something students hear about to something they begin experiencing personally.

For parents, I know this season of raising teenagers can sometimes feel overwhelming. But never underestimate the impact you have. Even when it seems like they aren't listening, they notice more than you think. Keep showing up. Keep asking questions. Keep praying for and with them. Faith is often built in small, consistent moments over time.

And for our students: you do not have to have life figured out to belong here. You don't need the perfect answers or the perfect image. You are welcome exactly as you are, and there is a place for you here.

We also have some exciting things planned for this summer, and I hope students will take every opportunity to jump in, build friendships, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Upcoming Summer Events

Mini Golf Mondays – June 15, July 20, and August 17 | 11:30am | Missing Links

Middle and high school students are invited to join us for Mini Golf Mondays this summer at Missing Links Golf Course!

Come enjoy a fun afternoon of friendly competition, laughter, and great conversation as we connect with one another and grow together in faith. Whether you're aiming for a hole-in-one or just hoping to avoid the water hazards, there's a place for you.

Bring a friend and join us for a summer of fun on the course!

Bear Paw Adventure Day – August Date TBD

Get ready for one of our favorite summer traditions! Join us for an action-packed day at Bear Paw Adventure Park in Caledonia, featuring giant inflatable water obstacles, swimming, laughter, and plenty of fun with friends.

Whether you're racing across the floating obstacle course, making a splash in the water, or cheering on your friends, this is a day you won't want to miss. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy summer, build friendships, and create memories that will last long after the season ends.

Stay tuned for more details and get ready for an unforgettable day of adventure!

I truly believe God does some incredible things when students find a community where they can belong, grow, and encounter Him in a real way. I'm excited for what this summer holds and grateful to walk alongside our students and families through it.

*Stevie Stibor
Director of Children and Youth Ministries*



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