

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for October 2020

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FOR CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Spooner UMC is at

312 Elm Street in Spooner

Across from City Hall

Lakeview UMC is at

23980 County Rd X

At the corner of Williams & Cty Rd X,

2 miles south of Hwy 70 and Hertel

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CHURCH MEETINGS

At Spooner UMC

Charge Conference - Thursday, October 29th at 6:00pm

Council/Church- Tuesday, October 6th at
via ZOOM

6:00pm

Finance- Tuesday, October 6th at 9:00am

Missions - Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm



At Lakeview UMC - Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm

*Minutes of Church Council & Trustee meetings are posted at each church.
Ask at Office.*



Check out the Spooner UMC website!

www.spoonerumc.org

You can view the calendar, newsletter & any upcoming church events! Spooner UMC can now accept online giving!



**“The joy of the Lord is my strength.” –
Nehemiah 8:10**

One Sunday morning, little Alex stared at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so Pastor McGhee walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, “Good morning, Alex.”

“Good morning,” said the boy, still absorbed in the plaque. “Pastor McGhee, what is this?”

“Well, son, all of these people have died in the Service,” the pastor said.

Soberly they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Then little Alex asked quietly, “Which one, the 9:00 or the 10:45 Service?”

May the peace of Christ be with you! Obviously, you’re still alive while reading this article, and you’re not on the list yet of who have died in the service ((9:00 or 10:45) , and may you also have the grace to smile or laugh now. I’m not downgrading the difficulties and great challenges that we have during this pandemic. We are all hard-pressed in all fourcorners and yet, thank God, we are still standing due to the promises of God. Yes, we’re disappointed, frustrated, and worried of what’s going on with our lives due to various reasons, but don’t forget to receive the grace of God’s word that “the joy of the Lord is (our) strength.”

The remnants of Israel were settling back in their own land after years of being in exile. Yet, all of their expectations of having glorious restorations were nowhere to be found. So, when the prophet Ezra was reading the law to them it produced sorrow. They were weeping as they listened to the words of God because they knew that they had messed up big time. But instead of being rebuked and condemned, they were instructed to celebrate because of the “joy of the Lord.” God still found joy in reconnecting to his lost people (read Luke 15 about the stories of lost sheep, coin, and son). Because God is love and the Bible tells us that love covers a multitude of sin.

Therefore, our joy does not rest on what we have or receive. It depends on God’s joy, and he’s (still) find delight in us because he believes of what we could become. Even, “if we are not faithful, he will still be faithful. Christ cannot deny who he is.” (2 Tim. 2:13). Receive this

grace and this Jesus' words – "Blessed are you weep now, for you shall laugh." (Luke 6:21). As one anonymous source says, "Life is better when you're laughing."

Let us affirm and confess the following: (The Daily Promise)

- I have the joy of Jesus in me today.
- My joy is not dependent on my circumstances, but on the Lord.
- Our Gracious God rejoices over me today.
- The joy of the Lord is my strength today.

The journey continues,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra

Take Time to Be Funny (Tune: "Take Time to Be Holy")

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord.
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.

--Authorship unknown

Spooner/Lakeview Charge Conference

Mark your calendar! Our Charge Conference is Thursday, October 29th at 6:00pm. Our District Superintendent, Barb Certa-Werner, will be leading the Charge Conference via Zoom. **Everyone is encouraged to attend.** If you do not have Zoom access or would prefer to meet in-person, Pastor will have everything set up in the Fellowship Hall at Spooner.

Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020

The 2020 Wisconsin Annual Conference will be virtually on Saturday, October 24th 9am - 5:30pm. You can watch the live-stream at www.wisconsinumc.org.



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Spooner UMC Children's Ministry Leader!

No special knowledge or experience required, just a willingness to support our children on their faith journey. Please contact Pastor or Carol at the church office (715-635-3227) or spoonerumc@gmail.com.



Mission News

A report from Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. "Missions is Justice"

In a classroom in Estonia, at a hospital in Ghana, a migrant family in Georgia, for a divided nation and people of the Korean peninsula.... The work of Justice begins with honoring the God-given worth and dignity of all humanity and creation, And it strives to ensure and protect opportunities that lead to the full flourishing of life.

Discover where the work for justice is alive through missions of the United Methodist Church.

Missions can be international or local

Do you have a yearning to find meaning and draw closer to God? This Fall we are exploring who we can support our children in school. Would you be willing to help? Right now they need more masks! If you can help make some contact Linda Lutz. More needs will be identified as we are aware of them. Billie LaBumbard 715 939 0118 missionbillie@gmail.org

Mission Moments and Opportunities: Thank-you to the sewers who have responded to the need for masks at Spooner Schools. We have donated about 4 dozen masks to this point. They have an ongoing need for masks. If you are interested in sewing please contact Linda Lutz at 715-635-8369 for kits or information.

Our church will be one collection point for in-gathering kits for annual conference. You have an opportunity to participate by making hospitality kits and dropping them off at church by October 17th. Below is the information for the kits:

Items collected for the 2020 Ingathering will again include those designated for Midwest Mission Distribution Center and those designated for Wisconsin Conference Agencies and Projects: Harbor House, Northcott, UM Children's Services and Solomon Outreach. All items should be NEW – and all kits should have only the items requested. Thanks!

Listed below are the items for the Wisconsin Annual Conference Hospitality Kits. Please note that these are similar to, but not the same as the Personal Dignity Kits listed on the back for MMDC. Place each WAC Kit in a 1-gallon plastic zipper bag. PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL AS A WAC Kit!!!

WAC Men's Kit: 1 antiperspirant, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth, 1 comb, 1 hand sanitizer, 1 nail clipper, 1 disposable razor, 1 travel-size tissue packet, 1 travel-size shampoo, 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain), lip balm (approximate cost: \$10)

WAC Kid's Kit: 1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth, 1 kid shampoo, 1 book/activity book, 1 comb, 1 travel-size tissue packet, 6 kids' adhesive bandage strips, 1 pack of ponytail holders OR toy cars and box of crayons (approximate cost: \$11)

WAC Women's Kit: 1 antiperspirant, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth, 1 comb, 1 hand sanitizer, 1 nail clippers, 1 emery board, 1 sewing repair kit, 1 travel-size tissue packet, 1 lip balm, 1 travel-size shampoo, 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain) (approximate cost \$11)

NOTE: MMDC requests a \$1 shipping fee for each kit and \$1.50 per bucket for the UMCOR Cleaning Kits. (There is no shipping fee for Wisconsin Conference Hospitality Kits.) If you have questions, contact Gail Burgess at hb53104@aol.com or call 262-945-8578.

If you know of any needs in our area that the mission committee can promote please contact Billie La Bumbard or Linda Lutz.

Remember to keep Harbor House in your prayers and all our college students this month.

If you would like to serve on missions our next meeting will be October 14th at 7pm by Zoom. Please contact the church office if you would like to join.

Mission Committee



UMW News & Notes

UMW- More from the book Finding Peace in an Anxious World

I have a hard time watching the news on TV. It is not just the violence but the insincerity! Say whatever you can to get noticed! I get such a gut ache that I turn the TV off. I find peace when I go for a walk, sew, knit, read or snuggle my pet.

Reading the Serenity Prayer is also helpful >>>

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Brittany Isaac, Superintendant of the Northwest District of Northern Illinois United Methodist Church states "many of us would like to change the words of the Serenity Prayer to: God grant me the serenity to change the things I cannot accept, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." Activism is great! We could commit to ending racism, sexism and overall meanness. However, God is in control not us. We cannot change things permanently without God. Serenity and acceptance of God's power must come

first. Do not let our ego get so inflated that we think we can fix things ourselves ... instead of God...
Pray, read the Bible, listen to God and shut off the TV and social media. Courage to act will come with God's guidance. Martin Luther King said "The moral arc is long (slow) but it tends toward justice."

For comfort read Proverbs 3:5-8 "Trust in the Lord"...



Hospitality/Community Meal

Greetings from your Hospitality Team

We had a wonderful meal in September with Lasagna, country green beans and garlic bread. Desserts were wonderful and a huge thank you to all the people who baked and all who served. At times it seemed like a big party was going on in the kitchen. We do have fun. We actually ran out of food at 5:30. Partially due to the large orders we were receiving. One car ordered 10 dinners. We served a total of 108 meals. Another successful meal. Thank You to all who contributed and all who ate.

In God's Service,
Your Hospitality Team



Food Pantry Donations - Reminder that you may still bring in donations for the Food Pantry. Drop off non-perishables on Sunday at Worship or in the cart by the Church Office Monday thru Thursday 9am-1pm.



Spooner Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is temporarily closed until further notice.

Spooner Ushers & Greeters for September

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Shepherd 715-635-3742.

Online Worship Services Still Offered

If you are not comfortable/ready to come back to worship in-person, do not worry. Online Worship Services are posted on our Facebook page, "Spooner United Methodist Church", OR on YouTube - search for "Spooner Church Online Service October xx, 2020". (Change the date for each Sunday.)



Spooner Prayer Ministry

We have a vital and active prayer ministry at Spooner. We invite you to be a part of it. On this page you will find some of the ways you can participate. If you are interested, please contact: Jean Parker 635-3203 with questions.

There is such a cry for prayer right now & we need all the prayer warriors we can get. Wars, rumors of wars, natural disasters, unrest in our own country & many others, unrest in the house of the Lord. If you feel the burden too, join us every Tuesday at 4:30pm for a time of online prayer. Let Pastor know you would like to join. Everyone is welcome!

Cyber Prayer Chain

Call Jean Parker with your prayer request at 635-3203 or email parkerjj@charter.net.



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Daytime Prayer Chain

Evelyn Safeblade 635-7536

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Eddie Hovey; Ted Mitchell; Muriel Mitchell; Edith Todd; Judy Andrea; Luann Bergmann; Darlene Heller; Chet Peterson; Terri's sister Debbie; John Safeblade; Tammera Hartwig; Marge Bestler; Julie and Don Lawrence; Paty Brayton's mom, Shirley; Brad Patchin & his daughters, Leah & Sophia; Colleen Haines; Sandy Christner; Michael Stair; Sue Staves' cousin, Julie Dahlgren; Elizabeth Walker; Mavis Cook; Pearl Andrea; Pat Morris; Florence Millard; Ryley Holden; Ruby Aukema; David Skille

Remember our Shut-Ins in your prayers:

Glenview Living Center - Mavis Cook

Maple Ridge Care Center- Grace Daniels; Jo Henrikson; Avis Thompson

At Home- Laurel Caruthers; Pat Morris

*** If you see someone that needs to be added or removed, please let Carol know in the office. (715-635-3227 OR spoonerumc@gmail.com) Thank you!*

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

Jean Streif passed away on September 3rd. Our prayers go out to Daryl and the Streif family for their loss.

SPOONER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays

Andy LaPorte	10th
Dee Spelbring	11th
Stephanie Dahl	17th
Alexandra Ripley	17th
Mabel Perry	18th
Colleen Scalzo	19th
Barbie Hovey	22nd
Fred Kosmach	26th



October Anniversaries

None

***Please contact Carol at the church office (715-635-3227 or spoonerumc@gmail.com) if I missed you or you would like to add someone to the birthday or anniversary list. We want to celebrate with you!*

Summer Baptisms Celebrated in Spooner -

July 31st - Clay Alan Mouw (Parents Nicholas & Mandria Mouw)
August 23rd - Eleanore Jaymes & Peyton June Angerhofer
(Parents Zachary Angerhofer & Andrea Stair)



**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.**



October 10th
2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month
• **At the Fairgrounds**

• **NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS**

Distribution 8:30am

\$20 donation – cash only – checks not accepted

For info or to volunteer call 715-635-9309

Lakeview News & Notes

Offerings/Tithes

Just a gentle reminder that Lakeview UMC still has bills to be paid during this time. If you have not been attending the Sunday worship services in person, you can mail in your offering/tithe to Terecia. She is continuing to make the regular deposits from Sunday worship along with those mailed to her.

Thank you for your continuing support of our little church! Please send to:

Terecia Zwart
21222 county Rd H
Barronett, WI 54813

Coffee Fellowship Servers

Coffee Fellowship is temporarily closed until further notice.

October Ushers - Dave & Pam Dunn

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays

Josannah Hedren	5th
Jakoda Hedren	7th
Pat Israel	10th
Carol Iverson	23rd
Harvey Asmus	28th



October Anniversaries

Dennis & Terecia Zwart 5th

Happy Belated 50th Wedding Anniversary to Dave & Pam Dunn!
They celebrated 50 years on September 5th. Congratulations!

Baptisms Celebrated in Lakeview -

February 23rd - Jazper Jamez Clark (Parents Justin Clark & Kayla Asmus)

July 19th - Ezra Rocky Marschall (Parents Brian & Taylor Marschall)

Lakeview Prayer Ministry

Keep these friends in Prayer:

Harvey Asmus; Matthew Allwine; Eleanor Grunnes; Jimmy Harden; Pat Israel; Scott Hotchkiss; Joyce Jacobs; Kay Krentz; Steven Durand; Hank & Karen Mangelsen; Laverne Hubbard; Desire Rosseli, Jerry Brown. All who need our prayers.

Our military & their families at home and deployed. Matt Lester; David Lester

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With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Our prayers & sympathy to the Gene Hotchkiss Family. Gene passed away September 23rd.

Thank You!

Undie Sunday at Lakeview UM Church,

Thank you so much for the donation. it is greatly appreciated & always put to good use.

Sincerely,

Brianna Thompson, Shell Lake School Nurse

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***Thank you so much for the undies & socks! We appreciated you doing this for us each year!***

***Carrie Herman, Siren Elem Principal***

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### **Clam River Tuesday Club Pie Sale**

The Clam River Tuesday Club ladies (majority of members are from Lakeview UMC) are taking orders for homemade pies. Clam River Tuesday Club provides support to local families/people in need.

*Blueberry, Apple, Peach, Pecan & "You can always ask and we might get it done for you"! \$20 each.*

**Orders must be placed by Monday, October 5th 10am.** The pies will be ready for pick-up Friday, October 9th 3pm-6pm at the backdoor of Spooner UMC. If interested, contact Karen Mangelsen (715-468-2940) or Terecia Zwart (715-468-4135). Please leave name, phone #, & why you are calling if you leave a message.

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### **ADVANCED CARE PLANNING WEBINARS OFFERED**

Essentia Health has several Advanced Care Planning webinars coming up in October, November, & December. They are free & open to everyone. Please go to [www.Essentiahealth.org](http://www.Essentiahealth.org) & search for Advance Care Planning Webinars to register.

Dates: Wednesday, October 14th 1pm - 2:30pm

Monday, November 9th 11am - 12:30pm

Tuesday, December 8th 11am-12pm

PRIOR to the webinar, you should view the award-winning film, "Consider the Conversation" available to view free online at <https://www.considertheconversation.org/>. A second newer film is also available to view free at the same site. Consider the Conversation is a series of films seeking to inspire dialogue between patient and doctor, husband and wife, parent and child, minister and parishioner on end-of-life wishes. Consider the Conversation's call to action is - WATCH. THINK. TALK. ACT.