

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for December 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

Council/Church- Thursday, December 10th at 6:00pm via ZOOM

Finance- Thursday, December 10th at

Missions - Wednesday, November 18th at
ZOOM

10:15am

7pm via



At Lakeview UMC - Tuesday,

8th at 6pm

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

Ask at Office.

December



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!



"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

2 Thessalonians 2: 16

Don Moen's praise song "God Will Make a Way" affirms God's sovereign involvement in our lives. Here's how that song was written: Several years ago, Moen was awakened in the middle of the night. His mother-in-law called to tell him of a car accident involving his wife's sister, Susan. Susan and her husband, Craig, and their four little boys were on a trip when the accident happened. Jeremy, age eight and the oldest of the four boys, was killed instantly. The others were seriously injured.

As Don and his wife grieved and poured out their hearts to the Lord, they felt helpless at communicating hope and grace to Susan and Craig. Don says God helped him through the tragedy by giving him these words:

God will make a way when there seems to be no way.

He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide; hold me closely to his side.

With love and strength for each new day, he will make a way.

— Don Moen, "God Will Make a Way," © 1990 Integrity's
Hosanna! Music/ASCAP

— Greg Asimakoupoulos, "Don Moen Faces Tragedy,"
PreachingToday.com

It's been 11 months now since Covid-19 disrupted and disoriented our lives. Fear, uncertainty, and grief have been hovering over us for a long time. It's like a dark cloud that never fades away. The disorientation is sickening and many of us are also suffering with so-called COVID fatigue. Is there a way out from this tragedy? Millions have already lost their jobs, and it is not just the loss of income but also the loss of identity to many. Millions of people have been infected with the coronavirus and thousands lost their lives. And the pandemic is not over yet. The psalmist says, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Ps.121:1-2).

Yes, *God will make a way when there seems to be no way*. This is also the promise of Advent to us. The season of Advent is not just waiting for the coming of the Lord (again) but it's also a time to solidify our hope, faith, joy, and peace, which are anchored in the love of Christ. What happened in Bethlehem proved that God made a way to walk and live closer to us. To better experience God's presence by revealing who God is through our Lord Jesus Christ. The babe that was born in the manger is named Emmanuel – that means God is with us. Indeed, God is with us in the worst of times, then and now.

May we receive the blessings from the Lord of Peace, so that we will have peace in times of fear, uncertainty, and grief – at all times and in every way. The presence of Emmanuel is in our lives no matter where we walk or what we are walking through. To give us beauty even from ashes, joy from sorrow, healing and wholeness from sickness, and life from death. Let's welcome the promises of Advent and open our hearts for the gift of Christmas – Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The journey continues,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra

PART II - BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF SPOONER by Lon LaBumbard

Rev. Willsey served the Shell Lake church and at Spooner until Rev. F. H. Harvey was appointed on October 12, 1888, and Rev. H.P. Waldron on September 23, 1889 then followed as pastor. On October 22, 1890 Rev. Luther Speers was assigned to Spooner. In 1891, during the year that Rev. Luther Speers served here, the first Methodist Church was build and dedicated. At first it served for both the Methodists and Episcopalians, but later was used entirely by the Methodists. Some of the money for it was raised by selling blocks from a map on the blackboard for the prices marked on them.

Short and effective pastorates followed with Rev. W.J. Speers on Sept 20, 1891, Revs. E.A. McKinney in 1894, Rev. George Brown in 1896, Rev. A.N Sweet in 1899, and Rev. Paul Hull in 1901. In April 1897 Mrs. Sara Gibbs was received into membership of the Spooner Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Gibbs membership is the earliest

on record in Spooner records. Records also show that Mrs. Josephine Beers was received into membership on June 18, 1899. In 1900 the bell which is still in use was given by the G.V. Seigner family as a memorial for their daughter Helen Seigner. It was transferred to the present church when it was built in 1912-1913. They also gave the pulpit as a memorial. By this time the population of Spooner was listed as 800.....to be continued



Spooner Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one please call Carol 715-635-3227. The cost will be \$13 each. If you write a check, please place "poinsettia" in the memo area. The order deadline is Wednesday, December 9th.

Community Christmas Baskets

An envelope is available in this newsletter if you would like to mail a donation. Thanks for your support and making a difference in the life of others. Mail checks made out to the Spooner UMC to 312 Elm Street, Spooner, WI 54801 & include note that it is for the Community Christmas Baskets.



Volunteer Partners of Spooner Health will hold their **30th annual Virtual Love Light Tree Ceremony** on Monday,

December 7 at 2:00 pm

on [www.Facebook.com/SpoonerHealth](https://www.facebook.com/SpoonerHealth)

and www.SpoonerHealth.com.

Love Light donation forms can be downloaded at www.SpoonerHealth.com/LoveLights.



Mission News

Spooner United Methodist Church Missions Team

The Spooner UMC Missions Team urges you to think about alternative giving opportunities for November and December. Offerings can be sent to the Spooner UMC, 312 Elm Street, Spooner, WI 54801.

Ideas for Alternatives include:

Salvation Army-Washburn County
Washburn Christian Outreach (WCO)
Spooners Trego Lions Christmas Fund

One new international giving opportunity is disaster recovery efforts for the Baguio Episcopal Area in the Philippines. They have been hit by 3 typhoons in a row! Pastor Ferdinand will tell us more details.

We'd like to send all donations through our Church advance program of Global Ministries for use in the long term recovery. Mark donations—Missions-Typhon

Give generously.....Romans 9:12-15

Billie LaBumbard
715-939-0118

Typhoon Ulysses

In the last meeting of Mission Committee, we had decided to send some help to the victims of Typhoon Ulysses in the Baguio Episcopal Area-Philippines. In November 2020, this small country has been visited by three powerful typhoons in three consecutive weeks. Typhoon Ulysses was the latest one, which struck the northern part of Luzon. Many were displaced from their homes and lost their crops and animals due to floods. There's also been a loss in human lives. Since we partnered with the Baguio Episcopal Area missionally in 2020, I was asked what were the pressing needs of the people there. I mentioned this tragedy where we could channel some little help. We could not substantially help every victim of the typhoon, but if we

could help even just one household that means a lot for that family. I'm appealing to your radical generosity. I know that we are also in the middle of pandemic. Whatever you could contribute to this project, the committee and the recipient(s) will appreciate it very much. May the Lord bless you more in your loving and living. Just write Typhoon victims Philippines on your check or envelope. This campaign will last till January 2021. (Full Disclosure – my family lives 6-10 hours away from the center of destruction, and they were not affected much). On behalf of the Mission committee and my people, thank you very much. Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra



PARISH NURSING NEWS

Grief During Advent

Advent is here! It is a time for all of us to get ready for Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ! People who are in grief often find these holiday times to be difficult and wonder how they will get ready. Here are a few suggestions which may be helpful.

- Plan ahead. Plan your holidays before they arrive and ask others to help you.
- Take charge where you can, even if those ways seem small.
- Turn to others for support. Express your wishes, even if it's only to one other person.
- Be gentle with yourself. One of the best things you can do is treat yourself lovingly.
- Search out and count your blessings. Savor what there is to savor.
- Do something for others, even if it's something little.

Harbor hope and keep praying. Healing of grief and loss takes time, but it happens.



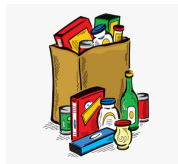
UMW News & Notes

UMW is looking for fundraising ideas. In this time of uncertainty, cancellations and isolation our funds are low. We would like to offer two ideas for fundraising to pay our monthly UMW amounts to Harbor House and Washburn Christian Outreach. We have a beautiful queen sized quilt made by Cheryl Starr and our quilting group that can be seen on our church website. Minimum bid is \$100. Send any bid over that amount to jeankissack@yahoo.com.



Hospitality/Community Meal

After much consideration, we have decided to not hold the December Community Meal. We took a break during November also. Covid-19 cases have increased in our community. Prayers of health to all & please watch for further information regarding January's Community Meal.



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 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 at parkerjj@charter.net.



Daytime Prayer Chain

Evelyn Safeblade 635-7536

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Eddie Hovey; Ted Mitchell; Edith Todd; Judy Andrea; Luann Bergmann; Chet Peterson; Terri's sister Debbie; John Safeblade; Tammera Hartwig; Marge Bestler; Julie and Don Lawrence; Brad Patchin & his daughters, Leah & Sophia; Colleen Haines; Sandy Christner; Michael Stair; Elizabeth Walker; Mavis Cook; 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- Judy Andrea, 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!**



Our Spooner Church family has experienced a lot of loss in the past few weeks. We offer up our prayers & sympathies to the following families:

Family of Darlene Heller - Darlene passed away

on November 6th.

The Brayton family - Paty's mother, Shirley, passed away on November 9th.

The Hills family - Dorothy Hills & Mary Zehm's sister Kathy passed away on November 15th.

Family of Muriel Mitchell - Muriel passed away on November 18th.

Family of Pearl Andrea - Pearl passed away on November 20th.

Family of Steve Daniels - Sue's brother, Steve, passed away on November 24th.



SPOONER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

1st	Kay Koch
4th	Jack Mitchell
7th	Gene LaPorte
14th	Edie Hovey
29th	Lennie Pfundheller



December 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!**



Greetings and Blessings from Washburn County Unit of the Salvation Army. As we all are very aware, this Christmas season is going to be very different from what some of us have know in the past. We will again be ringing those Salvation Army bells at Schmitz's Economart and the Dollar Tree. We will try our best to keep both the ringers and the kettle donors safe from this Covid crisis that we are in. The needs of the people we are trying to serve do not recognize Covid, so we still need your help.

We have implemented some procedures to help keep ringers and donors as safe as we possibly can. We will be supplying zip lock bags with sanitizer, disposable masks and gloves for your use. We ask that you take a few moments to read the handout and to sanitize the kettle with wipes that will be provided and follow all CVD procedures. There are extra copies of the handout if you would like to take one with for reference or to give one to anyone that might have questions regarding safety. For "no contact" giving, there are directions for three different ways to give using your smart phones. If you have not yet signed up and you would like to, You may call Connie Brabec at 715-635-2319 and she will be glad to help you with a time and place. If you are not able to ring the bells and are staying home but would like to donate, you may do so with a check to P.O. Box 81, Spooner, WI 54801.

Currently I am helping Jim Schrieber get orientated into the Bell Ringer Coordinator position. I will still be Chair for the Washburn County Unit but no longer coordinator. Although this Christmas is going to be a lot different than we are use to, I look forward to many new ways to Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Blessings to you all. Have a safe and very Merry Christmas.

Mary Shepherd, Chair of Washburn County Salvation Army



**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.**

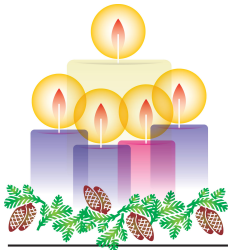


December 12th
2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month
At the Fairgrounds
NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS
Distribution 8:30am

\$20 donation – cash only – checks not accepted
For info or to volunteer call 715-635-9309

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 pages, "Spoooner United Methodist Church" or "Hertel: Lakeview UMC") OR on YouTube - search for "Spoooner OR Lakeview Church Online Service November xx, 2020". (Change the date for each Sunday.)



Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24th
4:00pm Lakeview UMC
7:00pm Spooner UMC

Lakeview News & Notes

Lakeview Carryout Pork Dinner

Saturday, December 5th
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Tickets: \$8/meal



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

Terecia Zwart
21222 county Rd H
Barronett, WI 54813



The First Sunday of Each Month is Food Pantry Sunday. Don't forget your first Sunday donations for the Food Pantry. Non-perishable goods. Everything is much appreciated!

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

4th Deb Pfluger
9th Savannah Gerlach
11th Ralph Nagle
16th Bret Iverson
20th Noel Knoop
21st Anne Asmus



December Anniversaries

None

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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