

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for March/April 2021

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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- Wed., March 3rd at 6:00pm

April 7th at 6pm via ZOOM

Finance - Wed., March 3rd & Wed., April 7th at 10:00am

Missions - Wednesday, March 24th at 6pm via Zoom

At Lakeview UMC - Wednesday, April 14th at 6pm

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



& Wed.,



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!



Psalm 25: 1-2, 5 – “To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust...Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.”

Limen is the Latin word for threshold. A “liminal space” is the crucial in-between time — when everything actually happens and yet nothing appears to be happening. It is the waiting period when the cake bakes, the movement is made, the transformation takes place. One cannot just jump from Friday to Sunday in this case, there must be Saturday! This, of course, was always the holy day for the Jewish tradition. The Sabbath rest was the pivotal day for the Jews, and even the dead body of Jesus rests on Saturday, waiting for God to do whatever God plans to do. It is our great act of trust and surrender, both together. A new “creation ex nihilo” is about to happen, but first it must be desired. ...

—Richard Rohr, *Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent* (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2010), 141-143.

Are you on the threshold of something? Maybe something exciting or maybe something worrying or mindboggling or even life-threatening? Whatever that will be, push the button ‘STOP’ or ‘PAUSE’ and let this be a moment, not only as a time to collect yourselves, but also to let it be God’s moment for your sake so he could show his glory and power in your life.

When you are in a ‘liminal space,’ don’t panic especially when life is getting tough and the tough gets going. Take this time to reflect and ask this question – ‘What have you come to teach me?’ The Psalmist is not wasting this opportunity to pray and lift up his soul to the Lord. Moreover, he declared his willingness to be led in truth and be taught by the God of his salvation. It’s during this moment “when the cake bakes, the movement is made, the transformation takes place.” The aroma of the new day and a new beginning is filling up your senses. Somehow, somehow, you’ve got to accept your new normal and find new meaning in God’s time.

Lent is a time of waiting; it is a time of reflection. When you move to trust and surrender, God will give you the grace and the power of our Lord’s resurrection. Our Gracious God will not just do a new “creation

ex nihilo” (creation out of nothing) but through your imperfection and ordinariness, he will restore, refresh, and reinvigorate your life more than what you could imagine or ask for.

If the balance of life is not tilting in your favor, remember that the Lord will not forsake or forget you. I don’t know the gravity of your trauma, but what I do know is that everyone is fighting a battle that no one else could fully comprehend. But as your pastor, I will lift up all of you day in and day out, and together I’ll see you on Easter because our Lord lives. And may we live in him and he in us. Then, we will be a new creation due to his abundant love and grace.

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

The journey continues,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra
(Mar-Apr 2021)

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

The five year pastorate of Rev. J. Henry Chatterson followed in 1931 and the interest of the congregation in missions was stirred when his son, Leonard, and his wife went as Presbyterian missionaries to Cameroon in West Africa. From 1934-37 the Organ Guild was active, putting on musical programs and paying annual dues to raise funds to retire the debt on the organ. In February 1934 the church building suffered a second damaging fire. The fire was apparently caused by electrical problems at a switch near the choir loft according to an article in the Spooner Advocate.

The next pastorate under Rev. William Penn began in 1936. It was in 1939 when the Methodist Church was formed by the uniting of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant

churches through the Uniting Conference into The Methodist Church. A group of women from this church attended the Methodist Advance meeting in Duluth in March 1940 when the Women’s Society of Christian Service was established by combining the Ladies Aid Societies, The Women’s Foreign Missionary and The Women’s Home Missionary Societies. In 1938 there were 982 railroad employees living in Spooner.

In 1940 Rev. Merrill R. Philpott became pastor served the longest term, being here until 1951. The time limit had been removed from the length of service then. Considerable remodeling and modernization was done to the church and parsonage during this period.

Rev. T. Sidney Beavin was appointed pastor in 1951 and was a spiritual blessing to the church. He wrote an Easter pageant with the Youth Fellowship presented early Easter Sunday morning and a beautiful Nativity Scene was build for the Christmas season. Also in 1951 the Spooner Methodist Church was the first church to give to the Odanah Mission Project through an offering from a World Day of Prayer service.

Rev. Bervie Scott transferred into this Conference to become our minister in June 1957. He and his wife were much interested in music and were active in helping to organize the Community Choir which had several cantatas in our church. Near the close of his ministry the practice of having two Sunday morning services during the summer was started.to be continued



SPOONER UMC EASTER LILY ORDERS

DEADLINE TO ORDER: Monday, March 22nd

COST: \$13 per Lily (Please mark "Easter Lily" in check memo or include note with payment.)

****Email order to Carol at spoonerumc@gmail.com or phone order to 715-635-3227. There will also be a sign-up at Sunday Worship Services - see Mary Shepherd. Please let me know if you are ordering *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* someone special to you.**



Mission News

MISSION TRIP

Our Philippines volunteer missions trip is being planned for January 2023. More details to come. Pray about your joining our volunteer team!
Contact Billie L. 715-939-0118.

WELL PROJECT

We are fundraising to dig a well for a maternity center located in Zamta, Zambia. The approximate cost of the well project is \$3750. We will be collecting donations throughout the year to meet our goal. Please mark your donations with "Well Project". More details to come from Betty Tshala our Missionary Nurse.

NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED



Billie LaBumbard is looking for new or slightly used stuffed animals to be used as prizes for BINGO at The Villas. Please contact Billie 715-939-0118 or you can drop off at Spooner UMC.

TEXAS WINTER STORMS - As we continue to pray for all suffering through the winter storms, many are looking for ways to help. Here is the special advance number for UMCOR 901670 (for Texas) Know any help is appreciated!

INGATHERING 2021 - See enclosed list further down in newsletter.

UMCOR Sunday - Sunday, March 14th. Please mark "UMCOR Sunday" on your donations.



UMW News & Notes/ PARISH NURSING & WELLNESS NEWS

Jean Kissack- Parish Nurse and UMW President

Finding ways to help in times of stress

There are ways to clarify one's thoughts when you are having difficulty thinking clearly. One way is to get out a piece of paper or a journal to write in rather than keep this all in your head. If you are too stressed to write, try going

for a walk, listen to music, or other relaxing activities, then come back to the process afterward.

If you remember that over two years ago I put this thinking process on a card and handed it out at church. Then it was a quote written by Amy Charmichael about thinking before you speak. Now the same words are used to help clarify one's thinking...

The THINK Technique:

True? – Is this thought 100% true? If not, what are the facts, and what is opinion?

Helpful? – Is paying attention to the thought useful to me or others?

Inspiring? – Does the thought inspire me or does it have the opposite effect?

Necessary? – Is it important for me to focus on the thought? Is it necessary to act on it?

Kind? – Is the thought kind? If not, what would be a kinder thought?

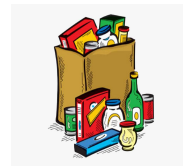
The above technique is a thought challenging process from the book "The Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook". It suggests we write a diary of our thinking process to help clarify what is true for us. (p10) It can be helpful in finding out where our stressful thoughts come from and become aware of our inner dialogue Try the online Cognitive Behavior Therapy Thought diary app for more information.

UMW Quilt - To clarify, the beautiful quilt we auctioned off was given by the highest bidder (Terri Reiter) to the 2nd highest bidder (Shannon Frederickson), who in return gifted it to Pastor, Rose & family.



Hospitality/Community Meal

No Community Dinner in March or April at this point. Watch for future info through email or the website.



Food Pantry Donations -*The Food Pantry can no longer accept egg cartons or magazines.* Drop off non-perishables on Sunday at Worship or in the cart by the Church Office Monday thru Thursday 9am-1pm.

WCO - Washburn Christian Outreach Volunteers Needed

Blessings to the generous children of God in this Church who have been so supportive of Washburn Christian Outreach (WCO). Your donations of money are very much appreciated, but we are in need of your help. We have only a handful of volunteers who give their time for one full week to answer the WCO phone and assist people in need who have fallen on difficult times. Volunteers will receive training and support as needed. If you are interested, are aware of anyone who might be interested in helping, or need more information - Please call me at 715-635-3742. Thank you for your love & concern. Mary Shepherd.

Dear Pastor Ferdinand, Rose & Congregation,

Thank you
Thank you for your continued prayers for Ryley & our family. It is so wonderful that we have so many people praying for us. Please keep us in your thoughts.

With Love, Ryley, McKayla, John & Warren



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. 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.



at

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 & Don Lawrence; Brad Patchin & his daughters, Leah & Sophia; Colleen Haines; Sandy Christner; Michael Stair; Elizabeth Walker; Mavis Cook; Pat Morris; Ryley Holden; Ron & Ruby Aukema; David Skille; Dean Brayton & his sister Sherry; Barb Anderson

Remember our Shut-Ins in your prayers:

Glenview Living Center - Mavis Cook

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

Cambridge Assisted Living- Judy Andrea

At Home- Laurel Caruthers; Pat Morris

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SPOONER CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays

4th Sammie Frederickson
12th Michael Stair
Chester Peterson
21st Sammi Schullo
25th Andrea Stair
John Hovey
?? Rich Meggit
27th Jack Starr



April Birthdays

6th Pat Schue
8th James Wegert
11th Dan Schullo
21st Taylor Willger
Sharon Okonek
24th Kelly Laporte
25th Mavis Schlapper
26th Lon LaBumbard
27th Ellen Stair
28th Brad Patchin

February (belated)/March/April Anniversaries

February 14th Gary & Colleen Haines (belated)

March - none

April 12th Ferdinand & Rose Serra

April 15th John & Jean Parker

**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!

Ingathering 2021:

The Ingathering for 2021 is underway. Annual Conference, June 18 -19 will be virtual again this year. The process for Ingathering will be like the Ingathering held last fall. Spooner UMC will be both **drop-off site**. Gathered supplies can be dropped off Monday, June 14th – Monday, June 21st. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center(MMDC) truck will be in Wisconsin on Wednesday, June 23rd to pick up all the gathered supplies.

All churches are encouraged to begin gathering the supplies for Personal Dignity Kits and Homecare Kits. The list of supplies needed for those kits will be found below. Items can be put together in kit form as indicated, or they can be donated separately. Monetary donations can also be made and given to the host site. Make checks out to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand towel – no kitchen towels
 - 1 Bath Washcloth – no kitchen towels
 - 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
 - 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 Oz.
 - 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz.
 - 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz. stick, roll on or pump
- Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag – video at www.midwestmission.org
\$2 for tooth paste and razor

Homecare Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 -40 oz (no spray bottles)
 - 2 Dish Soaps
 - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32-64 oz.
 - 1 scrub brush with or without handle
- Place items into a 5-gallon bucket with a resealable cover.



**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 26TH.**



**2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month
March 13th & April 10th**

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 Offered

Online Worship Services are posted on our Facebook pages, "Spooner United Methodist Church" or "Hertel: Lakeview UMC") OR on YouTube - search for "Spooner OR Lakeview Church Online Service March xx, 2021". (Change the date for each Sunday.)***Remember to **Subscribe** to **Pastor's YouTube Channel to be notified when a new worship service is posted.**



Spooner & Lakeview UMCs -

"Hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." Hebrews 6:19

Dear Anchors of Hope -

Thank you for providing "hope" to our world through your apportionment payment. We are all blessed by your faithfulness.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Barb Certa-Werner

Lakeview News & Notes



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!

Offerings/Tithes

If you have not been attending church in-person, you can mail your offerings to Terecia for deposit. Thank you for remembering our little church!

Terecia Zwart
21222 county Rd H
Barronett, WI 54813

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays

3rd Kay Krentz
4th Kayla Asmus
6th Seth Quinton
16th Kimberly Hotchkiss
17th Matt Lester
19th Kelli Marlow
27th Jack Starr
28th Andrea Williamson



April Birthdays

15th Ronda Mangelsen
17th Andrew Jacobs
20th Diane Hulleman
24th Mariellen Nagel
26th Cheryl Hotchkiss
28th Linda Terrian
29th Roger Mroszak
30th Lindsay Ziemer

March/April Anniversaries

March - none
April 27th Mark & Linda Terrian

Lakeview Prayer Ministry

Keep these friends in Prayer:

Harvey Asmus; Matthew Allwine; Eleanor Grunnes; Jimmy Harden; Pat Israel; Joyce Jacobs; Kay Krentz; Steven Durand; Hank & Karen Mangelsen; Laverne Hubbard; Desire Rosseli, Jerry Brown; Connie Quam; Julie Symond; Becky Lawrence; Dan & Carol Makosky's daughter-in-law; Janet's friend & baby who was born premature. All who need our prayers.

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

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Benjamin's House is an Emergency Shelter located in Rice Lake which helps individuals and families in need.

Terecia is taking orders for pies. She is donating all the proceeds to Benjamin House. Contact Terecia to make your order. If you prefer to make a cash donation directly to Benjamin's House, please make the check out to Benjamin's House & Terecia will make sure the shelter receives it.

A group from Lakeview UMC will also be making tie-fleece blankets to donate to Benjamin House & the people they serve.

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