

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for May 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., May 5th at 6:00pm (Zoom)

Finance - Wed., May 5th at 10:00am

SPRC - Tues., May 11th at 5:15pm

At Lakeview UMC - Tues., June 1st 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!

*From the
Pastor*



Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of

doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10: 23-25

In the primitive districts of India there are no lights in the streets or houses. In one of these areas of India is a temple. And hanging from the roof of it there is a great brass structure with one hundred different places in it into which little lamps may fit. There are no lamps in them, and until lamps are put in, the temple is dark.

When the people come in the dark to worship, each of them comes with his little lamp to guide him along the dark roads and streets. When they come to the temple, they each take their own lamps and carry them to the great brass fitting and fix them into a place there.

At first the temple is dark; but as each worshipper comes and places his lamp, bit by bit temple grows brighter.

It's been more than a year now that we have been under the darkness of the pandemic. Millions of people got infected by the COVID-19 virus, and also millions of lives were lost globally. These were not just numbers because we knew some of their names and faces. In fact, it hit our home and community itself. Meanwhile, our church didn't cease to be a church because we are the church; you are the church. Wherever you are, there is our church, whether we are acting as one or just reacting to be one. I hope and pray that we chose the former than the latter.

Even though we've advised everyone then to practice social distancing and isolation, it's also almost been a year now that we have been gathering in person, though sometimes we've suspended the in-person services if necessary, for precautionary

measures. Nonetheless, we continued to worship in-person and some of you have done it online or other means. To the best of our knowledge and through the grace of God, nobody from those who were attending OUR own church services in person got infected of the virus. Is attending church service a hundred percent proof from infection? I can't categorically affirm that because our enemies are invisible from our naked eyes. But we just cling to the hope that we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Yes, we lost a dear loved one or friend through this dreaded virus (whether they got infected or from another cause) but if we are going to think about it, our lives will fade away in His time whether there is a pandemic or not. But make no mistake, I am not disregarding or downgrading your welfare or your precious lives. Far from it. There is no iota of doubt in my mind that this virus is real, and the same thing goes for the benefit of the vaccine. (For your info, I got vaccinated twice already and so many of you.)

Just like during the time when the letter of Hebrews was written for those anxious-laden, fear-stricken early Christians who were being persecuted by the authorities, the writer encouraged the believers to continue to gather together and encourage one another in love. The fear was still there but they clung to the faithfulness of the One who called and saved them. Yes, the virus will remain with us for years, maybe even with or without vaccinations, but let us show our perseverance and bold confidence from the Spirit to gather together and make our lights shine brighter when we worship and serve together. There are double blessings if we are not neglecting to gather together in His name. Let us claim this promise and perform our responsibilities to one another. I am encouraging you now to come to the church regularly, provided that your immune system will not be compromised as well as other's. Let us make our light brighter to defeat the darkness of fear, loneliness, mistrust, and anxiety.

The journey continues...

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra

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

Rev. Robert Conner was appointed in 1958 and gave us an active ministry until 1961. Extensive work was done with the youth of the church. A monthly church newspaper was begun. Extensive improvements were made to the parsonage and the construction of a new educational unit was started. Two different years during his ministry here, Rev. Conner went as a delegate to the Methodist Seminal at the United Nations. On the last trip in the fall of 1960 he was accompanied by five members of the church in charge of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

In 1961 Rev. Virgil Holmes was appointed pastor and remained until 1965. It was during this time that the Educational Unit, now Danklefsen Hall, was completed and consecrated. In 1962 the 50 th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the current church building was celebrated. It was during Rev. Holmes pastorate that Charles Cedarholm a member of First Methodist Church was commissioned to be a Methodist pastor.

In 1965 Rev. Milton Ford was appointed to serve First Methodist Church in Spooner and Lakeside Evangelical United Brethren Church in Hertel. During his ministry the uniting of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church occurred. Rev. Ford was active in the Local and Area Ministerial Association. It was also during this time that our new parsonage was built and consecrated on June 2, 1968. The old parsonage was sold and moved to a site on highway 70 west of Spooner. It was during Rev. Milton Ford's time here when Marjorie Ruegger was commissioned as a medical missionary and began her service in Mexico; and Billie Rydberg (LaBumbard) was commissioned as a medical missionary and began her service in Nigeria.

In 1971 Rev. Al Eliason was appointed. Rev Eliason was widely travelled and helped bring a better understanding of world conditions to the congregation. In 1972 the 60 th anniversary of the present church building was celebrated.

In 1973 Rev. Veryl Schubert was appointed. He served until 1979 and was followed by Rev. Amos Shimko in 1979.

The Rev. John McBeth was appointed in 1983. It was during this time that dinner groups were started to involve young couples. It was later expanded to include all who were interested.

In June of 1990 Rev. Richard Maser was appointed and served until retirement in June of 1997. Mrs. Beverly Maser served as Christian Education Coordinator for the congregation during this time.

In 1997 Rev. Don Gribble was appointed as pastor and began an active ministry remembered by the many Disciple Bible Study sessions led by Pastor Don. His enthusiasm brought the Bible alive for members during his time here.

In 2002 Rev. Tom Cook served as Interim Pastor until September 2002. Rev. Cook was a welcome transition between full time pastors.

In September 2002 Rev. Martin Nolet was appointed serving until his retirement in January 2007.

In March 2007 Rev. Joan Goebel became the first clergywoman to serve as pastor for the Spooner and Lakeview United Methodist Churches. She served as Interim pastor until July 2007 when Rev. Jack Starr arrived to begin his pastorate. It was during this time that the church bulletin was augmented with projection of the hymns and major parts of the bulletin were projected on the wall for all to see. Also during Pastor Starr's tenure the back storage room was remodeled and connected to the rest of the kitchen making a more useable kitchen. A commercial gas stove was donated by the Staves family for the new kitchen. It was then that a "Community Meal" was begun serving anyone who wanted to come on the third Wednesday of each month.

In July 2018 Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra arrived as our new pastor. Pastor Ferdinand had served for several years in Connecticut and prior to that in the Philippines. Pastor Ferdinand used the bulletin projection system to post his sermon for all to see.

On July 30, 2019 Sue Staves retired from her position of Office Manager. She held this position for 26 years. A nice party was held after worship on August 4, 2019. Carol Iverson from the Lakeview United Methodist Church was hired to the position of Office Manager.

In 2020 the country was struck by Covid-19 a deadly coronavirus which closed the church to in person worship services in March. Pastor Ferdinand and family set up on-line services so anyone with "Facebook" or "Youtube" could attend worship on their computers. In September in-person services resumed with many protective measures. The services were also available on-line for those who chose to avoid the in-person worship. Updated October 20, 2020



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". Watch your donations "being dug" on Sundays as the shovel moves deeper.....to date \$755 has been donated! Thank you!!



INGATHERING 2021 - See enclosed list further down in newsletter.



UMW News & Notes

May 1st is the Spring Day of Enrichment (via Zoom) for the North West district UMW from 10am-12:30pm. Barb Certa Werner will speak on "Peace in an Anxious World" Billie and Jean will discuss the "Anxiety Workbook" activities to help deal with stress . Pastor Anita Lang and Wilson Saucedo will tell us about supporting mission work in Bolivia.

UMW board will meet soon to update the UMW book for 2021. We need to consider three things: when to have a rummage sale, when to start meeting again as Sarah Circle and lastly to revise the funeral task force information. Please call me with any comments or suggestions....Jean Kissack 715-520-2201

Jean Kissack- UMW President



PARISH NURSING & WELLNESS NEWS

Rice Lake Area Free Clinic

Open every Tuesday at 4pm. Call Mike Ferrell 715-736-3733.
1035 North Main Street, Suite G02

Rice Lake, WI 54868 (Park & enter on lake side)

Library News

There are several new books in the library in the UMW Reading Program. The fiction section of the library has a lot of good reading, so check it out!
Jean Parker



Hospitality/Community Meal

Greetings from your Hospitality Team. After much thought, we will be starting the Free Community Meal this month from 4 - 6 pm on May 19th. Until further notice, we will again be doing take-out drive-through from the back door of the Church. As we all know, this is a Church mission and it is only possible because of the volunteers who generously give of their time and talents. Of course we will again welcome your delicious desserts. Cookies & bars or something easy to put into a carry out container are appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mary or Lon. We will continue to practice distancing as much as possible and Masks are a must while helping. Mary 715-635-3742, Lon 715-520-3933 Call either one if you have questions. God Bless all who helped in the past and all who volunteer to help this year.

Sewing Group

The sewing group has switched from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 8:30-11am. You don't have to be a quilter to join us. There are all kinds of things to do: cutting, ironing, sewing, tying, & LOTS of visiting. We'd love to have you join us!
Jean Parker



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.



Spooner Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team still meets Tuesdays from 4:30 - about 5:30pm. We have been having ZOOM prayer, but will start meeting together soon. Prayer is one of the most important things we can do as Jesus Followers & praying together is such a blessing! Jean Parker

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; 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; Ruby Aukema; David Skille; Dean Brayton & his sister Sherry

Remember our Shut-Ins in your prayers:

Glenview Living Center - Mavis Cook

Maple Ridge Care Center- Jo Henrikson; Avis Thompson

Cambridge Assisted Living- Judy Andrea; David & Sheilda Kahl

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!

SPOONER CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays

4th Rob Mitchell
 5th Mary Shepherd
 Greg Schullo
 Lyza Serra
 8th Shannon Frederickson
 13th Jean Parker
 Jean Kissack
 19th Josh Serra
 22nd Ken Staves
 24th John Parker
 31st Robert Matte



May 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!

Washburn County Food Pantry

1649 Cottonwood Ave
 PO Box 517

Spooner, WI 54801 715-257-0277

We are open to serve your needs on: Tuesday 9-11am & Thursday 1-3pm
 (Questions outside our hours, please contact Kerry Russell @ 715-257-0277)



*Dear Spooner UMC,
 I would like to thank the wonderful people for all the clean up & misc help you provided me! Thank you all for your kind help. It is much appreciated!
 Pat Morris*

Thank You! Spooner UMC,
 I thank you very much ! I received your check & is so appreciated. I am grateful to all the people who came forward to help my family after the fire.

Mark Denhartog

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.



**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 24TH.**



May 8th
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 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 UMC and Lakeview UMC

Do you have or know of a high school/college graduate that we should be recognizing? Sunday, May 23rd we will be recognizing our graduates. Please contact Carol at the office with the information either 715-635-3227 or spoonerumc@gmail.com.

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

May Birthdays

1st Bryan Knoop
2nd Hailey Ziemer
5th Isabel Ziemer
10th Connie Quam
22nd Melba Dennoter
31st Dennis Zwart



May Anniversaries

None

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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