

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for June 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., June 2nd at 6pm (In-person)

Finance - Wed., June 2nd at 10:00am

Missions - Wednesday, June 30th at 6pm (Zoom)

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



“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a

blessing.’ – 1 Peter 3: 8-9

We are now seeing the coming of a new dawn, and change is coming in the way we live our lives. The pandemic’s infection and death rates are slowing down and seemingly coming to an end. Let’s continue to pray though that this is not a false hope. We were in the same boat when summer came last year. Afterwards, the number of victims and death from COVID-19 skyrocketed to our utter disbelief and fear. Here comes the summer again but this time we are more resolute and confident. Why? Many of us got vaccinated against this type of coronavirus, and some had managed to stay well, even without taking a single shot of the vaccine. Well, the best thing that we can do is to keep on living the principle of **“Jesusness”** (To be of Jesus quality [meaning the highest quality available] and either holy or almost holy - www.urbandictionary.com). There is no time, here and now, to condemn others whose views are different from us. Instead, we will uphold this truth – live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, be loving, compassionate and humble.

Nonetheless, plenty of other problems remain. Racism has not gone away; poverty and economic inequality exposed the gap further between the haves and the have nots. Violence is screaming loud across the country and it took many lives, including innocent victims like the helpless children. What’s going on in our country? There is no clear answer to this question, and the blaming game is definitely not the best way to tackle this problem. Meanwhile, many of us would like to breathe more of the fresh air that we were prevented from for several months. Those activities and behaviors that are basically a normal human thing to do, such as socializations, travelling,

reunions, and other group activities, can be resumed with relief and inexplicable joy.

“At some point we have to live our lives. That time is now,” wrote John Hopkins and surgical oncologist Marty Makary in the New York Post last weekend. You may agree or disagree with his conclusions. We also need to remember, however, that we are called not only to live our lives but also to give life so that others may live. Maybe we cannot eliminate all the problems that we have right now, but if we learn how to forgive those who wronged us, lend a hand to those who are needy, accept those who are different from us, and pray for one another – then we are giving life and that’s double blessings (blessing for us and blessing for the recipient of our action).

The journey continues and Godspeed,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra



Mission News

WELL PROJECT

Send a donation marked "Well Project" to help us dig a well in Zamtan, Zambia at a maternity center. Enclosed please find an envelope addressed to Spooner UMC to use in making your donation. So far we've collected \$1395 & our goal is \$3750. Please, also pray for health care workers and missionaries around the world.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION PREPARATIONS

We had a consultation with Pastor Mapolo to explore opportunities for mission in the Philippines: 1) Medical support of a church ministry, 2) Educational visit to an elementary school & 3) Visit to the home that is being rebuilt after the tsunami.

If you would like more information about joining our team, contact Billie at 715-939-0118.

INGATHERING 2021 - (See enclosed list further down in newsletter.)

Mission kits are being assembled & collected for Annual Conference. The approximate cost is \$15/kit. If we give a donation for this, Midwest Mission Distribution Center can buy the items in bulk. Mark your donation "Kits Ingathering". June 19th is our deadline. **Let's prepare 10 kits (\$150 total) in memory of Florence Millard.**



UMW News & Notes

The UMW board is still in the process of updating the 2021 book. Sarah Circle will begin meeting in September! Mark your calendars - Thursday, September 16th at 12:30pm.



PARISH NURSING & WELLNESS NEWS

Staying Healthy through Gardening

“Doing something is always better than doing nothing. A seven-year study of 12,000 middle-aged men at high risk for coronary heart disease showed that those who kept up moderate, leisure-time physical activity for an average of 50 minutes every day were healthier than those who did little or nothing. One of the top choices of these active men was gardening.” The following are a few lessons you can learn from the garden:

- A garden shows us the miracle of birth and rebirth.
- A garden reminds us of the value of intention—plan, prepare, nurture.
- A garden gives us the courage to take a leap of faith, trusting each seed we sow will sprout, grow and flourish.
- A garden reminds us that process can be everything.
- A garden teaches us patience.
- A garden lets us work the soil, teaching us that everything is interrelated and interdependent.

Why not enjoy the company? It is never too late to plant a garden!



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.



Hospitality/Community Meal

We held the Community Dinner by drive-thru on Wednesday, May 19th. We served 70+ people. Thank you for all the volunteers - helpers & bakers! The plan for June is to hold the dinner **in the Church** on Wednesday, June 16th from 4-6pm. Weather permitting, we will have tables outside also. We will continue to offer take-out for anyone who requests. That being said, we will need more volunteers to cover the in-person dining & carry-out. Please contact Mary Shepherd or Lon LaBumbard if you can help.

Sewing Group

The sewing group will meet once more before a Summer break on Thursday, June 3rd 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! Watch for more info on when we will start up again!



WCO - Washburn Christian Outreach Volunteers Needed

WCO is 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.

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Family of Judy Andrea - Judy passed away May 18th.

Family of Leonard Scalzo - Leonard passed away May 26th.

Family of Chester Anderson - Chester passed away May 27th.



Spoooner Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team still meets Tuesdays from 4:30 - about 5:30pm. 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; Luann Bergmann; 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; Ray Knutson

Remember our Shut-Ins in your prayers:

Glenview Living Center - Mavis Cook; John & Eddie Hovey

Maple Ridge Care Center- Jo Henrikson; Avis Thompson

Cambridge Assisted Living- 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

June Birthdays

- 1st Alex LaPorte
- 9th Francis Serra
- 11th Betsy Andrea
- 13th Darin Stair
- 18th Terri Reiter



June Anniversaries

- 6th Chuck & Dee Spelbring
- 13th Dennis & Geri Skille
- 24th Fred Kosmach & Terri Reither

**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.

Spooner UMC & Lakeview UMC are following the CDC guidelines for gathering in groups. Facemasks are now optional. We will still have plenty of hand sanitizer available upon entry.



**JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE, 21ST.**



June 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 Offered

Online Worship Services are posted on our Facebook pages, "Spooner United Methodist Church" or "Hertel: Lakeview UMC") OR on YouTube - search for "Spooner Church Online Service June 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.**



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

The following graduates were recognized during Worship on May 23rd:

Spooner: *Emme Anderson, Makenna Anderson, Francis Serra, Cathryn Walker, Elizabeth Walker*

Lakeview: *Dana Bartz, Francis Serra*

Trinity Lutheran Church in Spooner invites you to join them in a group discussion series meeting Mondays in June & July from 5-6pm.

Pastor Serra will be the guest speaker on Monday, June 28th.

June 14 - General discussion on Social Justice & Authentic Diversity

June 21 - LGBTQIA+ Justice - Guest speaker Pastor. Jason Clifton

June 28 - Racial Justice - Guest speaker Pastor Ferdinand Serra

July 12 - Social Justice 2.0

July 19 - LGBTQIA+ Justice 2.0

July 26 - Racial Justice 2.0

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church - outside worship area (Indoors in event of bad weather & we ask that COVID-19 safety guidelines be followed.)

When: 5-6pm

Pre-registration is NOT needed & you are welcome to attend one or all of the conversations. Please feel free to invite a friend!

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!

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays

9th Francis Serra
11th Dan Makosky
16th Gerald Brown
19th Ashley Quinton
23rd Barb Durand
25th Josh Hedren
27th David Stoylen
28th Tamara Ziemer
30th Bertha Asmus



June Anniversaries

5th Leroy & Janet Nelson
20th Andrew & Joyce Jacobs

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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