

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for July & August 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., August 4th at 6pm

Finance - Wed., August 4th at 10:00am

Trustees - Thurs., August 19th at 5pm

SPRC (Both Churches) - Tues., September 7th at 5:15pm

At Lakeview UMC - Tues., September 14th 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!



Remain Hopeful: God's Love in Uncertain Times

Texts: "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **HOPE** and a future."

(Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

"And **HOPE** does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5 NRSV)

In the face of life's struggles and challenges, and in this pandemic context, where is our hope coming from? Do we have a solid ground where we could stand or are we standing in a sinking ground? How to remain or stay hopeful for such a time like this?

We are grateful to God that we could gather now without restrictions. However, I'm still advocating that we should remain cautious or still be careful for as long as we can. If anyone is not yet comfortable not wearing a face mask or has any underlying conditions, my plain advice is to wear your face mask when you are in the crowd. No questions asked. Our church is a "judgment-free zone." We respect each other's opinions or actions with regards to our response to this pandemic.

But we are dealing more with regular life than with the effects only of the pandemic. Our beliefs and commitment have been challenged by the realities of life such as death, illness, relational problems, and uncertain futures. What does my faith mean to me if I'm experiencing grief, frustrations, pain, and suffering? Where is the love and hope for such a time like this?

The inspirational verse of Jeremiah 29: 11 is a favorite of many believers, including me. I still have that table décor that I brought with me when I first arrived in the land of the free and great opportunity in 2000. It is a source of my strength and inspiration when life is getting tough, and the tough is still going. But this letter from Jeremiah to the Babylonian exile was to remind them to embrace their exilic life and don't listen to any prophecy that talked

of early return to Israel. The Lord's promise is to give them hope and a future. Do you know how long it will take to fulfill that promise? Not right away or in a year or ten years. It was ten years times seven. Yes, it took seventy years (v.10) for the Israelites to receive the answer to their prayers and the promised future. At any rate, they put their hope in God. "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." (Psalm 31:24). Time and time again, God always delivered. If it was true in approximately 516/5 B.C.E., in Bethlehem when God was with us, in Calvary when God was for us, and then in Pentecost when God was in us, then it could also be true for us. There is nothing that could hinder God's plans in our lives, our time and beyond.

Peter J. Gomes (The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart, 1996) states that "Hope does not deny the circumstances of the present, and hope doesn't help us get out of our difficulties. Hope doesn't get us out, but it does get us through." In Romans 5:5, where St. Paul declares that "hope does not disappoint." Roland de Vries (The Difference Between Optimism and Hope) says, "This could be paraphrased as "hope won't leave us in the lurch" or "hope can't be defeated by circumstances." For St. Paul, hope doesn't disappoint because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." To be a hopeful person is to be one who faces the future with the deeply personal knowledge of God's love – God's love for the world and for (you and) me!"

Whether the vaccinations will succeed or not or whatever is our lot in life, we belong to God who is love and the source of our hope. In life and in death, we belong to God. Although the future remains uncertain, God's love for us abides. Always. This is our hope that God is with us, for us, and in us. Therefore, remain hopeful. Don't give up because our God is not giving up on us.

The journey continues...Godspeed!
Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra



Mission News

WELL PROJECT - Maternity Center in Zambia

Our goal is \$3750 & to date we've collected \$1525. Please mark your donations "Well Project". Thank you!

Mission Minutes: May 2021

The committee discussed a new covenant with a missionary. We decided to find a missionary stateside and support. We are doing research and tabled a decision to the June meeting.

Discussion was held on the VIM trip to the Philippines. Pastor Serra and Billie have had phone conversations with Pastor Mapalo to discuss ideas of how the team can be supportive to the area. It is better to give funds for projects rather than trying to go through customs with items. Further discussion will be held on this item. Continue to pray for guidance for this trip.

We are planning an all church picnic for August 8 to raise funds for the Maternity Well project. More details on the picnic will be forthcoming. If you would like to help with the picnic please contact Billie (715-939-0118) or the church office (715-635-3227).

Application has been sent for the Rainbow Covenant Award.

Our next meeting is June 30 via Zoom. If you would like to participate contact the church office for a Zoom invitation.



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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH 3PM-7PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH 8AM - NOON
SPOONER UMC





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

UMW Christmas Tea will be on Thursday, December 2nd at 2pm.

UMW COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 8am - 11am.



PARISH NURSING & WELLNESS NEWS

Summer Exercise

In our busy world and lives, it is often difficult to even think about our health, much less do something positive about it.

Here are two easy suggestions for you to try outside as you enjoy the summer weather. 1. TAKE A WALK. One forty minute walk can dramatically lower levels of tension and anxiety. If you're interested in losing weight or keeping weight off, try brisk walking. In one Colorado study a group of 800 people lost 30 pounds or more and have kept it off for a year through regular walking. Walking is also easy on the joints and whether you do it alone or with a friend, it's a great way to take a long, appreciative look at God's world around you. 2. STRETCH. Not only does it feel good, but stretching also keeps your body flexible so it will do what you want, when you want. Studies show that regular stretching can also lead to weight loss. Stretching is also a stress reliever and did you know that regular stretching can actually increase your height?



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 on Wednesday, June 16th. We served around 60 people. Thank you for all the volunteers - helpers & bakers!. 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 is on a Summer break. Watch for more info on when we will start up again! 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!



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.



thank you

Thank you so much to my church family for your heartfelt, kind & comforting words when we lost my son Leonard. I felt all your prayers. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*Much Love,
Alice & family*





**Spooner UMC All Church Picnic
Sunday, August 8th
After Church**

Watch For More Info & Mark Your Calendar!



Spooner 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

July Birthdays

- 2nd Leslie Arf
- 11th Sharon Tarr
- 15th Ruby Aukema
Lynda Hoyt
Dave Kahl
- 20th Ann Schroeder
- 22nd Bill Hoyt
- 28th Alice Scalzo
- 31st Nancy Nelson



August Birthdays

- 4th Patti Snell
- 6th Jerry Stair
- 7th Marnie Housel
- 22nd Char Pfundheller
- 24th Dean Brayton
- 30th Bill LaPorte

July Anniversaries

None

August Anniversaries

- 15th Lennie & Char Pfundheller
- 17th Jerry & Ellen Stair

***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!*

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.



**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD.**



July 10th/August 14th
2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month
July 10th At the Spooner H.S.
August 14th 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 July 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.

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!



Our thoughts & prayers are with the Karen & the whole Mangelsen Family. Hank Mangelsen passed away on June 4th.

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays

- 2nd Kristin Hotchkiss
- 6th Christopher Ziemer
- 10th Megan Hotchkiss
- 14th Deb Ziemer
- 15th Cassie Hotchkiss
- 16th Jeremiah Ziemer
- 22nd Joyce Jacobs
- 30th Emily Pfluger



August Birthdays

- 2nd Mark Knoop
- 21st James Andreas
- 25th Terecia Zwart

July Anniversaries

- 31st Maynard & Ronda Mangelsen

August Anniversaries

- 4th Bret & Carol Iverson
- 8th Randy & Arlene Schacht
- 29th James & Marie Andreas

Lakeview Prayer Ministry

Keep these friends in Prayer:

Harvey Asmus; Matthew Allwine; Eleanor Grunnes; Jimmy Harden; Pat Israel; Joyce Jacobs; Kay Krentz; Steven Durand; 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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Isaiah 40:8

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
But the word of our God, shall stand for ever.

Eternal, is God's promises to us,
That if we be steadfast, and tedious,
We shall, be always, in His embrace.
With this is mind, may we always face,
Opposition, struggle, and challenge – with
The desire of the accomplishing and completing, such labyrinth.
Though, our journey, be to us, be unknown,
As children of God, our destination, is shown,
Heaven – Heaven – Heaven:
And eternally may the bad, be left unleavened.
For, as per Jesus Christ's triumph, FOREVER, being risen –
Hence, bestowed upon us, charitably,
Is God's gracious LOVE, and MERCY!

- Marnie Housel

KORMANN FAMILY CONCERT

FRI., AUGUST 27TH AT 7PM

**SPOONER UMC
BEHIND CHURCH IN GARDEN**

**Come enjoy some bluegrass music!!
Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs
Refreshments Available**

Freewill Offering will be Taken

