

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for September 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., September 8th at 6pm

Finance - Wed., September 8th at 10:00am

Trustees - Thurs., September 30th at 5pm

Missions- Wed., September 15th at 6pm (Zoom)

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!



Romans 12: 1 “So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, *I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God.* This is your appropriate priestly service. 2Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, *but be transformed by the renewing of your minds* so that you can figure out what God’s will is – *what is good and pleasing and mature....4We have many parts in one body* but the parts don’t all have the same function. 5In the same way, though there are many of us, *we are one body in Christ*, and individually *we belong to each other.*” (NIV)

Charles “Chuck” Colson’s life is a testimony of God’s grace and mercy. He was imprisoned due to obstruction of justice in 1974 for seven months for his infamous role in Watergate – President Richard’s Nixon political debacle or scandal. As a transformed Christian, he emerged from prison with a new mission: mobilizing the Christian church to minister to prisoners. In his best-selling memoir, *Born Again*, Church wrote, “I found myself increasingly drawn to the idea that God had put me in prison for a purpose and that I should do something for those I had left behind.”

After a career in hardball politics, he emerged from his cocoon and been transformed as one of the most influential evangelical leaders of the past half-century. He shared the gospel of love to the lost, last, and least especially to the prisoners. He encouraged the believers to go beyond their own interest. However, he noticed that our society was plagued with this virus in which he called “radical individualism.” He mentioned this virus from his other book, *The Body*. Notice that he wrote this book in 1992 and its message still resonate until today. He wrote the following:

“Many Christians have been infected with the most virulent virus of modern American life: radical individualism. They concentrate on personal obedience to Christ as if all that matters is “Jesus and me,” but in doing so miss the point. For Christianity is not a solitary belief system. Any genuine resurgence of Christianity, as history demonstrates, depends on a reawakening and renewal of that which is the essence of the faith – the people of God, the new society, the body of Christ, which

is made manifest in the world – the church.” – Chuck Colson, The Body (Word, 1992).

In our text lesson, Paul had been encouraging the Christians in Rome to offer themselves as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is the sacrifice that God is requiring from them and not their burnt offerings. To lose themselves in the love of Christ and be emerged as a new being that been transformed by the grace and mercy of God. They are one body in Christ and they belong to one another.

Chuck Colson’s message to the believers today is to set us free from our “radical individualism” because “Christ has (already) set us free for freedom” (Galatians 5:1), and we need to serve each other through love. We belong to one another. This is the message then, and it is still the message now.

Our lives today in all facets of our lives – communal, political, social, and ecclesial or church, individual, had been stretched to the unimaginable, unbelievable strains. Slight provocation could lead us to implode and/or explode. Nonetheless, I would like to throw this “\$64,000 question,” where are we in our responses to our day-to-day lives, to the pandemic, and to our church life? Are we growing up or maturing as a person and believer? Do we act as part of one body or still operating only in the interest of ourselves?

May these words from the Scripture will have flesh so that they will incarnate within and through us as the Word of God.

Godspeed. The journey continues ...

Sincerely,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra



Mission News

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS HARBOR HOUSE & FOOD PANTY

Current Needs List for Harbor House Crisis Shelter. Please bring into church by October 10th.

Wipes for babies & children

Pillows; new or gently used & washed!

Flip Flops; Ladies & children sizes - boys & girls

Sidewalk Chalk

Non-perishable Snacks for kids to bring outside or the park

13 Gallon Garbage Bags

30 Gallon Lawn Bags

WELL PROJECT

Thank you for all the donations for the well in Zambia!! We have learned that due to the elections there was a politician that has dug the well at the maternity center in Zantam. We have been asked to support digging a clinic well next to a women's prison. The women there have their children with them and some have COVID. The amount needed is the same.

Our goal is \$3750 & to date we've collected \$3436.32. This amount is including the \$500 match that was generously donated. We are in need of \$313.68 to meet our goal! Please mark your donations "Well Project". Thank you!

HAITI - UMCOR

The Haitian people need our support now!

- a 7.2 magnitude earthquake, followed in a matter of hours by
- Hurricane Grace flooding a battered people!
- unending political turmoil & gang violence,
- assassination of the Haitian President last month

UMCOR - The United Methodist Committee on Relief is a trustworthy channel where 100% of your funds will go to Haiti. Please write "Haiti" in the memo. Thank you!

Our next Missions meeting is Wed., September 15th at 6pm via Zoom. If you would like to participate contact the church office for a Zoom invitation.

NEW LOCAL MISSION NEEDS SUPPORT

A "pop-up" food shelf has opened at 819 Ash St., Spooner (in the lobby of the former Spooner Hospital near the Day Care & Lakeland Family Resource Center (LFRC)).

According to Brenda Thomas of LIRC, they use food from the Feed My People, but need the following: Kid Friendly Snacks, Juice Boxes, Toilet Paper, Wet Wipes & any Toiletries. Bring your donations to church & we can transport.



UMW News & Notes

Thank you to Jean Parker & Mabel Mathieson for all their work for the fall rummage sale. Also thank you to all the helpers who set up, ran & took down all the items. It was a huge effort & well done!

Mary Shepherd & Shannon ran a beautiful luncheon for Sue Staves' Celebration of Life. The teamwork of the men & women of our church was obvious!

Our next event could be UMW Sunday on September 19. Depending on Covid numbers, we also plan to start SARAH CIRCLE up on Thursday, September 16 at 12:30pm & Maple Ridge communion on Tuesday, September 21 at 1pm. Pray that Washburn County Covid numbers stay down so we can do these events....

Jean Kissack, UMW President

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

What: STEPPING ON CLASS

When: TUESDAYS, OCT. 5TH - NOV. 16TH

Where: SPOONER UMC

Register by contacting Alisa Lammers (ADRC) at 715-537-6225 or alisa.lammers@co.baron.wi.us.org.

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.

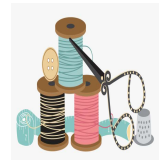


Hospitality/Community Meal

The next Community Dinner is Wednesday, September 15th from 4-6pm. 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. Thank you for all the volunteers - helpers & bakers!.

Sewing Group

The sewing group is starting back up on Tuesday, September 14 from 8:30-11am. Come & join us!



Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study

We are meeting on Wednesdays, starting September 22nd from 6:30-8pm. For more info contact Jean Parker (715-635-3203).



Ruby's Pantry, (Washburn County Food Distribution. Just a reminder that Ruby's is the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Washburn County Fair Grounds. This will be September 11th from 9:00am to 10:30am. There is a \$20 donation but please remember that this food distribution is for everyone, there are no income limits. Everyone is welcome. Please bring boxes if you have them.



*Spooner Church Family,
Thank you so much for the support. I am grateful
for this opportunity to attend UW-Stevens Point for
early childhood education. Cannot wait to see what
the Lord has in store for me!*

Makenna Anderson



Mavis Cook passed away on July 25th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann & Bill Schroeder and family.



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



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Cyber Prayer Chain

Call Jean Parker with your prayer request at 635-3203 or email 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; 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 - John & Eddie Hovey

Maple Ridge Care Center- Jo Henrikson; Avis Thompson

Cambridge Assisted Living- David & Sheilda Kahl

At Home- Laurel Caruthers; Pat Morris

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SPOONER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

4th Ken Koch
11th Laurel Caruthers
17th Gracie Frederickson
18th Michael Place
21st Sophie Marino
25th Carol Dunn
30th Dennis Skille



September 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!**

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.



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.**

Lakeview UMC All Church Picnic

Sunday, September 19th

Potluck After Worship

Bring your own chairs & table to eat outside.



Lakeview's **Undie Sunday** will be observed on September 5th & 12th.. Please bring your donations of **new; unopened underwear and/or socks** to be distributed to local elementary schools. You may place your donations in the basket near the entrance.



LaVergne Hubbard passed away on July 26th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Linda & Mark Terrian and family.

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

24th Gladys Knoop
27th Sue Mroszak
28th Claudia Place
22nd Joyce Jacobs
29th Alecia Knoop



September Anniversaries

1st Roger & Sue Mroszak
2nd Don & Pat Israel
5th Dave & Pam Dunn
26th Mark & Noel Knoop



September 11th

2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month

At the Fairgrounds

NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Distribution 9-10:30am

\$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, "Spoooner United Methodist Church" or "Hertel: Lakeview UMC")



SPOONER/LAKEVIEW

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 6th at 6pm

At Spooner UMC

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 Prayer Ministry

Keep these friends in Prayer:

Harvey Asmus; Matthew Allwine; Eleanor Grunnes; Jimmy Harden; Don & Pat Israel; Joyce Jacobs; Kay Krentz; Steven Durand; Karen Mangelsen; Desire Rosseli, Jerry Brown; Becky Lawrence; All who need our prayers.

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

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Reflection for August 24, 2021

By Sue D'Alessio

Praise God!

Out of our busy lives, we pause a moment to give thanks and praise to God. Several people responded to my invitation to add their praises to Psalm 148. Here are their contributions.

Psalm 148:1-2, with additions:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise God in the heights!

Praise the Lord all you angels;

Praise God, all you heavenly host!

Praise God for the sparkle of a smile;

Praise God to the warmth of a hug!

Praise God for all volunteers

who help those less fortunate than themselves!

Praise God for the tranquil morning sun inviting the neighborhood to

connect with one another.

Praise God for caregivers who restore wholeness as they help others live life more fully.

Praise God for young children that are leading their families to a vaccine that could save many;

Praise God!

Praise God for compassionate hearts and hands that reach out to those who grieve;

Praise God for loving family and friends who lift us up and bring us joy!

Praise God for those who are as children;

Praise God for the diversity!

Praise God the Father for this day of life;

Praise God, Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for the love and blessings that you provide!

Praise God for a place to come home to;

Praise God for family!

Praise God with hope and faithfulness;

Praise God with prayer and thanksgiving!

Praise God with our hearts and minds;

Praise God with our care and love shared freely and fully!

Thank you God, for the gift of this day. In this day, as we serve you, may we keep aware of the ways you touch our lives with sparkles of joy and hope. We hold those who are suffering, who are grieving, who are struggling in our prayers and care. May our actions be filled with your Spirit of grace and justice. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.