

United Methodist Men

Your UMM met Saturday, April 8th at Rolling Meadows Restaurant. There were 8 men present. First off we talked about the need for some boy’s sweatpants at Chegwin and the men allowed \$100 for this need. Then the Friends of Chegwin were looking for \$416.32 to cover the cost of a field trip to Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan. This was okayed and delivered.

Next discussion was on a Brat Fry this summer at Festival. We will try for a date (or dates) and ask for volunteers to help man (or woman) the brat stand. This money will be used to help with the window replacement costs, so if you can help out, OK! The next meeting will be moved to the third Saturday in May at Rolling Meadows Restaurant due to the brat fry which has been scheduled for may 13th. Darrell Jewson Chair



“Sometimes you have to meet your blessings halfway” Tylan Bailey
“I SAW THAT!” God

United Women in Faith

Get your tickets for the Mother/Other Banquet! They will be sold April 30 and May 7 for the banquet on May 11th. Adults are \$10 and Children 4-10 are \$5; children 3 and under are free. The evening will include a delicious hot chicken delight, assorted salads, rolls, drinks and assorted bars. As usual we will share our delicious baked goods and you may order ahead to be sure you find what you'd like specifically. Can we make something to help with your Mother's Day brunch or dinner? Orders may be given to Eleanor (920-922-1522) or Dea (920-929-9625) by May 4th. The musical program will feature our talented musicians including Dave Thompson who we all love hearing! Please plan to join us for this evening of fellowship.

The Little Food Pantry is up and being welcomed by our community. Thanks for donations to date. We welcome your help, either with food or money donations if you don't care to shop. There is a list in the narthex of wanted items.



Cancelled Stamp Savers

I will be mailing cancelled stamps to the Marion Mission Storehouse in Marion, IN in April so please get your saved cancelled stamps Nina Krueger, the church office, or me. Thank you again for your faithfulness in helping the United Women in Faith with this mission. By doing this it helps the Marion Mission send much needed medical supplies, clothes, shoes, and other items to needy people in Africa. When you trim your cancelled stamps, please leave a ¼ inch border. Remember, do not save any prepaid postage type stamps as they are not usu-

Birthdays

- 05/01 Trevor Hernandez (18th)
- 05/02 David Olson
- Thomas Retzleff
- 05/07 Nina Krueger
- 05/12 Judy Reams
- 05/23 Mary Libertine
- 05/24 Courtney Allickson
- 05/31 Pastor Ho Lee



80+ birthdays!



Anniversaries

May 1st Ho Lee and Miyeon Kim



Palm Sunday
Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt



North Fond du Lac City Wide Rummage Sale

Community UMC in North Fond du Lac will participate in their city wide rummage sale on Saturday, May 20th. Many items from the ongoing Pacto rummage sale will be taken over to Community to sell. All proceeds will be going to Pacto de Gracia. If you have any household items you are looking to get rid of, bring them to church and Dana (the incredible) will take them off of your hands. See Judi, Dana, or Diane with any questions.



Bible Study

What is the Wesleyan Movement?

We still find lessons today for our own spiritual journey from John Wesley who founded Methodism in the eighteenth century. Join the study and discussion group as we learn the history of Wesley and the early Methodists. This study will help us find revival in our own hearts and lives.

Join the Bible study and conversation on Wednesday mornings in the choir room, starting at 9:30 am and concluding in one hour. This new series starts April 26, 2023. There is no registration, no fee, and no work between sessions. Come as you are, eager to ask questions, learn and discuss. For more information contact Denise Retzleff at 920- 539-0336. We will use bestselling author Adam Hamilton’s book and video series “Revival – Faith as Wesley Lived It.”

Friends of Chegwin

On behalf of Friends of Chegwin, I have received good reports from those active in the program. On May 3rd Pastor Ho Lee, Marilynn Roessler and I will be meeting with Chegwin Principal Nate Groves to discuss several topics of interest to the group. We will also be providing lunch for the staff on Monday, May 8th for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mary Balson Chair



Kitchen Blessings

Don’t forget to get your tickets for the Mother/Other Banquet on May 11th. Tickets are just \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. It is a delicious and entertaining evening.



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Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-12:00PM

Pastor Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

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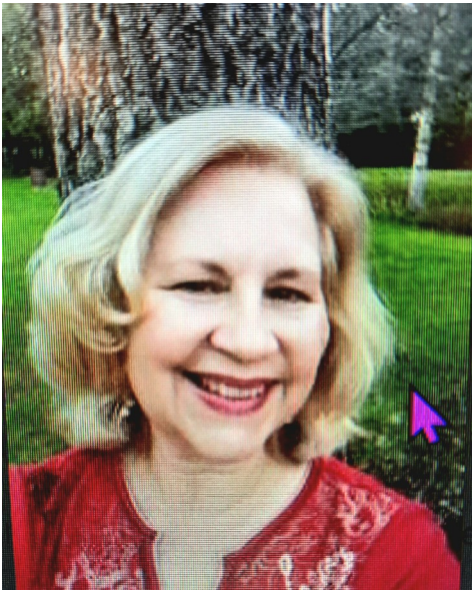
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20th of each month at noon.
Please get your content to the
office by this date for the next
month’s issue.

Covenant Church Newsletter May 2023

SPRC spent time in April updating and creating job descriptions for our staff. We also discussed ways to welcome **Debbie Tidwell**, our new administrative assistant/family ministries director. So, we will be having a potluck (it’s what Methodists do:) on May 7th following the service. We will also have small house gatherings for Debbie, so please let me know if you are interested in hosting one. -Diane Weider, SPRC Chair

Dear Covenant UMC,
Hello! My name is Debbie Tidwell and I am so excited to become a part of the Covenant family! I am looking forward to meeting each one of you and getting to know you. While I will be wearing many hats at Covenant UMC, my passion is working with children, youth and families!
I have been serving as Director of Children and Family Ministries at FUMC- Appleton, but when I heard of the possibility of working with Pastor Ho Lee at Covenant UMC, I couldn’t pass up the opportunity! I have worked with Pastor Ho Lee before and I share his belief that a crucial element in Christian life is building a strong relationship with God and others. I am looking forward to serving Covenant UMC in any way that I can. Just a little about myself....
I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work as well as an ESL certification and have worked in the private and public educational system for many years. I have also worked in the Library Science field, both in the public and educational system. In church ministry, I have worked or volunteered in Children and Youth Ministry for over 40 years, so you know that I love it!
Thank you for the opportunity to serve at Covenant UMC and I look forward to meeting each one of you soon!
Peace and Blessings!
Debbie Tidwell



Several of us had the opportunity for an impromptu lunch with Debbie. She is going to fit in very well at Covenant:)



Judie Duitman did a beautiful job, as always, decorating our sanctuary for Easter. Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones.

CCAP

The month of march I spent \$1368.34 for weekly bananas and one trip to Sam’s in Appleton. At Sam’s I got cases of Mac & Cheese, ramen noodles, fruit cups, oatmeal, and boys’ undies. I am able and happy to do this for our kids, all of them. Our church fills a great need at our schools, and it’s because of YOU that we can. Thank you, Darrell Jewson Banana Man
“You will never look into the eyes of someone God doesn’t love.” Anonymous

Church Council

Does it ever seem like your social media and online shopping portals always know what advertisements to place in front of you? It’s like they know exactly what you want or need. God knows us far better than they ever could. God makes each of us purposefully, and he searches our hearts and minds, knowing our every thought, words, deeds and our needs. So as a congregation let’s keep our ears and minds open to God, so we can move forward to where God is leading us. Please pray for our Church Council as we make decisions for our church.

Tom Retzleff Church Council Chair

Family Ministries

Our Sunday school, Youth, and Confirmation kids, along with the United Methodist Men (UMM) hosted their 2nd annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. It was a HUGE success! We served 96 people. Thank you everyone who helped out in any way, and our congregation and friends who joined our breakfast and last but not least, our kids. They did a fantastic job of flipping pancakes, serving, busing, and clean up. What a great crew! We look forward to next year’s Palm Sunday.

Our 1st Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday was a great time. Thank you, Diane Weider, for organizing this event.

We are coming up with ideas for future after Sunday service fellowship events.

Mother’s Day there will be no classes for SS, Youth, and Confirmation.

May 21 will be our Fun Sunday event celebrating the year end of Sunday School. Event/Place TBD.

Thanks and may God Bless each and every one of you!



Mona Averbeck Family Ministries Chair



Date	Scripture and Sermon	Volunteers	Mission	Music/ Special Event
May 7	Communion	Liturgist: Mary Balson Media: Jacob A, Live: Denise Usher: Bill K, Dave G, Bill O Greeter: Acolyte: Kyle A	Golden Cross Sunday	Potluck Brunch to Welcome Debbie Tidwell
May 14 Mother’s Day		Liturgist: Denise Retzleff Children’s: Diane W Media: Tom Live: Eleanor Usher: Bill K, Dave G, Bill O Greeter: Baldwin Acolyte: Kyle A	Golden Cross Sunday	
May 21 Rev. Janet Martinez	Pulpit Swap	Liturgist: Eleanor King Children’s: Bill A Media: Tom Live: Denise Usher: Bill K, Dave G, Bill O Greeter: Acolyte: Kyle A	Peace with Justice Sunday	Sunday Funday for Children and Youth
May 28 Memorial Weekend	Pentecost Sunday	Liturgist: Bill Averbeck Children’s: Media: Diane, Henry Live: Usher: Bill K, Dave G, Bill O Greeter: Baldwin Acolyte: Kyle A	Peace with Justice Sunday	

Sending Forth

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive—In addition to filling the huge box with items needed for the homeless, you donated \$434.55. Thank you for your generosity. On May 7th and 14th our mission is Golden Cross. This special offering support our Health and Welfare Ministries. On May 21st and 28th we will support Peace with Justice that seeks peaceful solutions, creates and supports peace-related ministries in our conference and learns about peaceful, just efforts around the world.

Plans for the Ingathering, June 9-12, at the KI Center in Green Bay. Midwest Missions (formerly Midwest Distribution Center) gathers needed supplies at our Annual Conference. This year the In-Gathering is in desperate need of folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, slings, walking boots, blankets (new and gently used), brooms, rakes, and shovels. They are also collecting 12-19 ounce shampoo bottles, dish soap, and empty laundry detergent bottles. These can be purchased at a very reasonable price at the Dollar Tree or through Amazon. We have a collection for this in our Narthex. These donations may be brought to church before June 7 so we can make arrangements to get them to Green Bay for AC. Monetary donations can be made to the church with “Ingathering” in the memo. Thank you for your generous support for this mission – bringing the heart and hands of God’s people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief. Marilynn Roessler Chair



Month of May Worship Highlights

Being part of this vibrant congregation is a source of joy and great growth. Come to weekly worship to thank and praise God with others. It is in worship, as well as through fellowship, discipleship, and service that we grow and become the people that God longs for us to be.

May 7 – Communion Sunday

May 14 – Mother’s Day, with a special poem offered for women

May 21 – Pulpit exchange with Rev. Janet Martinez leading worship

May 28 - Pentecost Sunday; Wear **red** today, as it signifies the work of the Holy Spirit

TRUSTEES

While the Trustees have a number of projects to go forward in 2023, it is a good time to look back at the changes and accomplishments made and be thankful for God's vision for our Church and Covenant's family. The Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and hallways have been repainted. A BIG thank you to all who helped with that project. Quite an undertaking and turned out great. The educational building and Sunday school classrooms have been updated with a more accommodating and inviting nursery area with intercom for the church service to be heard. New hallway exit signs installed along with improved lighting in the hallways and the Chapel. The Pastor's office has been relocated in the parlor for more efficient work area allowing for a more inviting one on one meetings, group meetings, etc. Office space has been provided to the new Hispanic Ministry, Pacto de Gracia, with Reverend Janet Martinez as their Pastor, along with 2 additional rooms on the 3rd floor for donated items for resale to help with relocation of Hispanics in our community who are in need. The educational building roof has been replaced and the Sanctuary roof repaired. The north end of our Church has been repainted due to mold and grime. Insulation has been placed in the Narthex ceiling, a TV mounted in the Narthex with weekly updates on Church functions/news, live streaming on Facebook which also allows for home bound members to participate in Sunday services. A railing installed in the Sanctuary by the organ for the safety of choir members/others and new entry door logos placed on all the entry doors. Due to window damage in both the entries on the Marr St. side (educational building) new windows and doors will be installed (these are the original single pane from 1964, are window and caulking are loose and may cause injury to the public) and will be more energy efficient. A handicap accessible door along with a chair lift to 2nd floor and Pastor Ho Lee's office will be placed at the office entrance (Door #1) on Marr St. The Cross and Flame on Marr St. had been upgraded for evening/night lighting.

The Trustees have also maintained and upgraded some features in the parsonage. The garage interior has been remodeled with new windows ,walls, ceiling, and epoxy flooring. New blinds placed in the living and dining area, area rug in family room, fireplace insert replaced, and a movable kitchen island installed for a larger cooking area. A radon test and furnace vent cleaning was completed. Yard maintenance and tree removal was done.

An ongoing 2-5 year plan has been developed and will be shared in the future.

The Trustees have been blessed with the support of our Church members. We will continue to do our best for Covenant and our Lord. In Gods’ love, Bill Averbek, Trustee Chair