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Joys and Concerns

Under special care... Kay Dings at Village at Manor Park Health Center

Calendar**April 20**

7:00 pm Worship Planning Team – Kearns Conference Room
 Finance Committee – rm. 4

April 21

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Invitation to Romans – Heywood Room
 Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

April 22

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up
 Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room
 6:15 pm Tower Bells Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204
 Troubadour Choir – rm. 217
 Youth Choir – Wesley Hall
 Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room
 7:15 pm Confirmation Class (7th & 8th Grades) – Confirmation Room
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

April 23

9:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up
 Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Thursday Night Worship – Wesley Hall

April 24

Rummage Sale Set Up

April 25

9 am – 1 pm Rummage Sale – Fellowship Hall

April 26

Native American Ministries Sunday

2009 Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Do you love Italian food? Is it even better when you don't have to cook or clean up? We are here to help! The WAUMC youth will be hosting the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, **May 2**, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Enjoy delicious Spaghetti, Italian bread, and Caesar salad from Buca Di Beppo of Milwaukee, along with a beverage and dessert. Tickets are on sale in advance (Kristin at 414-453-0700) and at the door for a price of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children (4-12), and 3 or under free. (Family maximum price is \$25). All

proceeds will go to benefit the 2009 Youth Mission Trip to Superior, Wisconsin in July.

Mission Opportunity

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

—Romans 12: 4-5

I have been in contact with the clergy of our circuit, because I feel God is calling us to unite our Circuit to put our talents together to form a new mission focus for the Greater Milwaukee Area. I began thinking of how we could work together to help provide shelter, and feed or clothe people in need. We could work to focus the energy and talents of our Circuit to help fulfill unmet needs in our community. I ask for you to prayerfully consider how you and your congregation may be willing to participate in a new local mission that uses the talents of our Circuit to answer God’s call.

If you are interested in this kind of mission opportunity, I invite you to join me for a circuit gathering on Saturday, **May 2**, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, at Albright UMC (5555 W. Capitol Drive), where we will discuss possibilities for some ways we may be of service together. I hope to see you there.

Our combined strengths can make a difference.

In Christ,
Tyler E. Pease
Lay Leader, Wauwatosa Avenue UMC

Time for Spring Cleaning!

It’s time to clean out your closets, attics, basements and garages. Our huge annual church rummage sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **April 25**, from 9am to 1pm. We are accepting donations now. Please leave items on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Items will be sorted and priced by the Treasure Team this week. The annual rummage sale is a huge effort that takes many hours, but especially MANY PEOPLE, in order to be successful. There is always a dedicated core of volunteers whose help is priceless! Please join us! We need to expand that team and make this a whole-church effort at raising money for missions. If you have any interest in joining the team, please contact Marie Rider at 414-258-6773. If you need someone to pick up items from your home, please call Marie. Look for the sign-up sheet in Sunday’s bulletin.

Buy Coffee: Make a Difference

Equal Exchange fair-trade coffee and chocolates and WAUMC cookbooks will be sold **May 3** after all services.

Equal Exchange is the largest 100% fair trade business in the United States. Equal Exchange’s mission is to use their power of trade and commerce to change the world for the better through more equitable methods of distribution of money. This mission aligns with the United Methodist social principles and Jesus’ teachings of justice and peace. God accomplishes great things through ordinary people like us.

Bedding Plant Sale

Orders will be accepted through **May 3**. Return your completed form and check to the plant table in Fellowship Hall or mail it to the church office by May 3. You may pick up your plants on May 21 and 22. Proceeds go to maintain the Memorial Garden and church grounds.

Invitation to Romans

Invitation to Romans is the fourth in a new series of short-term Disciple Bible studies. This eight-week, video-based Bible study builds on the highly successful Disciple Bible Study series, incorporating the same focus on in-depth study of the biblical text, weekly preparation, accountability in a small-group setting, and a call to more faithful discipleship.

It is difficult to overstate the importance of Romans in Christian tradition. Some of the great formers and re-formers of church teaching were themselves formed by their reading of Romans. As a result, Paul’s teachings in Romans come to us mediated through the history of the church’s interpretations of his letter.

The author, Pamela M. Eisenbaum, is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Her areas of expertise include biblical interpretation in antiquity, the Jewish background of the New Testament, ancient Jewish/Christian relations, the origins of anti-Semitism, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the apostle Paul.

This eight-week study, led by Pastor Jan, begins tomorrow, **April 21**, at 7:00 pm in the Heywood Room, and continues for eight Tuesdays, ending on June 8. There will be a brief orientation on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the 9:00 service in the Kearns Conference Room. At that time we will distribute and review the materials, discuss expectations, and preview the next week's assignment. The cost of the program is \$7.25 for the Participant Book.

Please complete the sign up sheet below and put it in the offering plate or Pastor Jan's mailbox. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our knowledge of our Christian faith.

Invitation to Romans Study

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

P.E.P. Adult Center

May 1: Wellness Center with Alice Richter, RN, at 10:00 am. 10:30 program: Our Forgotten 13th President: Millard Fillmore, with Stephen Hauser. Millard Fillmore served from 1850 – 1853 and was the last member of the Whig Party to serve as President. He was the second Vice President to assume the Presidency upon the death of a sitting President. Exercise with Alice at 11:30 am. Lunch: hearty chicken soup, hot biscuits with butter, relish tray with dip and jello for dessert. RSVP to Mary Reina by April 28. \$6 members/\$8 guests.

Confirmation Sunday, May 17, 10:30 am

In the life of a congregation, it is always a joyful thing to see the next generation moving into the ministry of the church in new ways. When a person is confirmed, they are making an intentional choice to confirm the vows that were made at their baptism, and to take membership vows which include supporting the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We look forward to our upcoming Confirmation Sunday on May 17th, and hope you will join us for this celebration.

Music Ministry Calendar May 2009

To let you know when our children's and youth choirs are scheduled to sing in church.

May 10 - 9:00 service

Combined choirs, Troubadours, and Youth will sing together *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Cherubs will sing *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*

Troubadours will sing *He & I*

May 17 - 9 & 10:30

Youth Choir

May 20 - 6:30 pm

Year-End Celebration in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. All of our six choirs will perform. Parents, grandparents, family, friends, and the whole congregation are welcome to attend.

Music Ministry End of the Year Celebration

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall

Our Music Ministry at WAUMC has enjoyed a wonderful year full of joy and spiritual growth. We have welcomed two new directors: Sheila J. Feay-Shaw, Chancel Choir Director, and Joelle Karth, Youth Choir Director, into our fold and they have done great things with each of those groups. Our directors that have been with us for a while: Martha Aslakson, Tower Bells; Trinny Gaulke, Cherub Choir; and Susan Watson, Troubadour Choir, have been an inspiration to their choirs and a joy for the whole congregation as they lead worship with song and dance. The choirs and the Agape Praise Team have been an inspiration to all gathered and we are blessed to have the Word presented to us in such a beautiful and joyful way.

All six choirs will get together and share one of their favorite anthems they sang or played that year. Children and youth are recognized as they graduate from one choir to the next and with special awards.

Parents, grandparents, friends and the whole congregation are invited to be a part of this wonderful music ministry celebration.

Additional Driver Needed for Jello Buckets

This opportunity is ideal for a retired person to do once every three months, taking turns with other drivers.

On the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, as your turn comes up, during the afternoon come to Church and load up your vehicle with our buckets full of jello. (Use our kitchen carts.) Then take the buckets down to St. Benedict's Loaves and Fishes meal at 10th and State by 4 p.m. Their staff will empty the jello into their bins and wash the buckets for you. Finally, return the empty plastic buckets to our kitchen.

Our current drivers will take you on a training run. Contact Gil Erickson at 262-797-9168, Ken Freitag at 414-463-8292 or Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 for more information and to volunteer.

Annual "Walk a Mile in My Shoes"

The Guest House of Milwaukee is sponsoring a three-kilometer walk to benefit the homeless on **May 2**. Registration will start at 10 am at 1216 N. 13th Street. The walk begins at 11 am and will travel west around King Park to 17th Street, then east to St. Benedict's meal program at 10th and State and finish back at The Guest House. A block party follows the walk at noon. Honorary Chair of the walk is Susan Kim of WTMJ Ch.4. Mary Spearo of our church will be doing the walk and she invites you to join her. Registration blanks are available online at www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org, or you can register at the event. There will be a nominal registration fee. For more information, contact Mary at 414-475-0848.

Family Camp 2009

Family camp is scheduled for **July 5-11**. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Dave and Tess Vollmers are the host family for 2008/09. We are looking to add several new families this year and would love to have your family join us. Registration forms will be available soon. 2009 prices are available now and any questions you have will be answered eagerly. Talk with Tess or Dave in person or e mail us at dvollmers@earthlink.net with your questions. We are saving a spot for your family.

Postal Food Drive

On Saturday, **May 9**, be a part of a nation-wide food drive to "Stamp Out Hunger"! Please leave non-perishable food by your mailbox and your letter carrier will deliver the food to the Hunger Task Force. Last year, Wisconsin letter carriers collected 2.3 million pounds of food across the state, with over 700,000 pounds donated in southeastern Wisconsin. This year, the emphasis will be on canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats and cereal. Other non-perishable food is welcome. Food collected during this drive is absolutely critical to keeping meal sites and food pantries filled throughout the summer, according to the Hunger Task Force. Additional food brought to our church's Ingathering shelves over the summer helps feed the children who aren't getting school meals during the break. Please put "food drive" on your grocery list.

Soap Sunday Mother's Day, May 10

On Soap Sunday, Church and Society is again sponsoring a collection of soap and personal care items. We will be collecting for two agencies this year. We want to provide toiletries for the new transitional housing program at United Methodist Children's Services, as well as for the Casa Maria Hospitality House shelter for women and families. The scope of our Soap Sunday includes other personal care items in addition to soap. Please bring small sizes of new, unused shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, a toothbrush, etc., or a small bar of soap on SOAP SUNDAY, May 10th. We will have baskets at the church entrances and in the back of the Sanctuary and the Chapel to collect your items. Thank you for your donations!

Fruit Needed for Habitat Build Week

We have promised to provide 100 pieces of fruit to Habitat for Humanity to supplement the lunch they will provide workers during the May 2009 Habitat Build Week. During May 11-15, they hope to frame several new houses in the central city. We will be providing the fruit for the lunch on Tuesday, **May 12**. Please help out by bringing several pieces or servings of fruit to Church by Sunday, May 10 and leaving them in the main kitchen. Please mark them for Habitat. Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 to let her know how much fruit you are bringing, or for more information.

Calling For Help

We are looking for some people (from middle school age and up) who want to be involved in a service to our members who may not be able to be at church on a regular basis. We tape the 10:30 service for them and we are currently in need of people who would be willing to learn how to do the taping. If this is of interest to you, if you need more information, and/or you want to sign up, please give Pastor Jan a call at 414-453-0700 or email at janbeutin@sbcglobal.net. These tapes are greatly appreciated by those who receive them so please consider becoming involved in this ministry.

Summer Music Opportunities

We are once again seeking anyone who would be interested in singing/playing a solo, duet, trio, small ensemble, for our 8 and/or 9:30 services beginning Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, September 6. If you want to share your musical gifts, please contact Pastor Jan at 414-453-0700 or email at janbeutin@sbcglobal.net.

Have you ever thought about solo or duet or trio handbell ringing? Playing the handbells in this way uses varying techniques and can be a bit challenging – depending upon the difficulty of the music. But the challenge is worth the effort. I particularly like to play duets or trios because you not only play the bells but choreograph you moves around the table by sharing bells and a lot of other neat techniques. It's fun!! For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Jan at 414-453-0700 or email at janbeutin@sbcglobal.net. Let's get ringing!!

United Methodist Camps 2009

Camp season is almost here! There are many opportunities to participate in camps hosted by the four Wisconsin United Methodist Camps during the summer of 2009. Camps are available for all ages including children, youth, young and older adults, as well as families. If you would like a camp brochure, please contact Kristin at 414-453-0700 or via email at kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net. You can also go online to access the camping information at www.wiumcamps.org/.