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Joys & Concerns

Recently hospitalized or under special care... Kay Dings, Sue Hessner

Congratulations to... WAUMC member, Steve Weber, who was recently was named 2008 Wauwatosa Distinguished Citizen of the Year. A banquet will be held at Bluemound Country Club, 10122 W. North Avenue, on April 29. Reception at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$40. Tickets available at Wauwatosa's City Clerk's Office.

Welcome New Members!

Michael Gregory (wife, Jane Peterson; children, Malcolm & Jackson). Mike is joining by profession of faith.

Sheila Feay-Shaw & Steven Shaw (young adult children, Morgan & Kelby). Sheila & Steve are transferring from the Congregational United Church of Christ in Whitewater, WI.

Calendar

April 6 Church Council – rm. 4

April 7 *The Tower* Deadline
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Trustees – Church Library
 Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

April 8
 9:00 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room
 6:15 pm Drama Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 Tower Bells Rehearsal – rm. 5
 6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204
 Troubadour Choir – rm. 217
 Youth Choir – Wesley Hall
 Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

April 9
 9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary

April 10
 12:30 pm Good Friday Service – Chapel

April 12 Easter Sunday (no Sunday School for children 5K & older)

April 13

5:30 pm Baking Circle – Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Holy Week Schedule**Maundy Thursday - April 9*****7:00 pm in the Sanctuary***

Our Holy Thursday service will center on a dramatic presentation entitled *Voices from the Crowd* from the Iona Community. The six monologues form the basis of a Holy Week reflection on Christ on the Cross. We will hear from Larry, the owner of the upper room; Rachel, a servant girl; Barabbas, the criminal; Simon, the cross carrier; Cato, a soldier; and Mary, mother of Jesus. As each character speaks, the cross moves down the center aisle until it rests at the table. Those gathered are asked to reflect on these biblical characters who saw Jesus on the way to the cross, and what, if anything, you would want to say to Jesus as he passed by. At the conclusion of each monologue, a short biblical response is read followed by a verse of *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* As you enter the sanctuary, you will be given a small stone to hold during the service. At the end of the service you will be invited to the table to lay your stone down at the foot of the cross and receive Holy Communion. Plan to enter and leave the sanctuary in silence.

Good Friday - April 10***12:30 pm in the Chapel***

The cross will be draped in black as we remember Jesus' crucifixion. Scripture readings will be taken from Psalm 22 and Mark 15: 21-39. Pastor Sue's sermon will be entitled, "The Blame Game?"

Easter Sunday - April 12***8:00 am in the Chapel; 9:00 & 10:30 am in the Sanctuary***

Join in celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter morning with the Chancel Choir, organ and brass. A Jubilant Song by Allen Pote will announce the opening of both the 9:00 and 10:30 am services with alleluias and praise. The morning's anthem "Crown Him, the Risen King!" by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin will bring in familiar hymn texts and melodies to this new work including "All Creatures of our God and King," and "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Come, join in the singing.

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

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.

Lay Speaking Classes Offered in Metro Region

Lay speaking classes for beginning and advanced lay speaking certification will be held on Sundays: **April 19, April 26 and May 3**. Classes will be held at the Palmyra United Methodist Church, 122 N. Fifth Street, Palmyra. Reverend William R. McBride and Reverend Karen Klatt will teach the classes. Class times are 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Cost for books and materials is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to Palmyra United Methodist Church. Basic classes introduce how to preach and prepare a sermon for worship and also include tools for general public speaking. Advanced classes go into more detail on worship and preparing Bible study classes for teaching. To register, please call the Palmyra United Methodist Church at 262-495-2540. Please leave your name and whether you will be taking the beginning or advanced class.

Sandwich Service Project

Our date this month to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering meal program is **April 18**. We are looking for people to provide a share of the groceries and people to work. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. on that Saturday at our church to make peanut butter sandwiches, bag cookies and carrots or fruit, and pack the lunches. Some of us will take the lunches to St. James at 8th and Wisconsin.

Groceries needed include peanut butter, jelly, baked or store cookies, baby carrots or apples or other fruit, and Target brand sandwich baggies. (The bread is donated by Brownberry.) Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848, so she can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. Co-sponsored by Church & Society.

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 in March or April. 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.

Wanted! Empty Ink Cartridges!

What do you do with your empty printer cartridges? WAUMC will now collect and recycle your empty ink cartridges! For every cartridge we recycle, we will help raise funds for our Confirmation class. The money we raise will help fund Confirmation retreats and events. What do we accept? Any ink cartridge that fits in the palm of your hand! Brands like HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Sharp, Xerox, Brother, Compaq, and Apple are all welcome. Unfortunately, we can not accept any toners. Just place your empty cartridges in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box and place them in our collection boxes located in the Church Office or on the first floor next to room 4. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin. Thanks for helping out our Confirmation class and the environment all at the same time!

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 during the week before the sale. 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.

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/.