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Joys & Concerns

Recently hospitalized or under special care... Mary Lou Hinkley, Phil Nelson

Our sympathy to... the family of Corrine Nelson, who passed away this morning. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Calendar**February 17**

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

February 18

9:00 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room

6:15 pm Tower Bells – rm. 5

6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204

Troubadour Choir – rm. 217

Youth Choir – Wesley Hall

Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room

Confirmation Class (7th & 8th Grades) – Confirmation Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

February 19

9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room

7:00 pm Thursday Night Worship – Wesley Hall

February 20

10:45 am P.E.P. Field Trip

February 21

9:00 am Sandwich Service Project (Youth) – Fellowship Hall Kitchen

10:00 am Circle 1 – Manor Park Skroom

11:00 am Worship Committee Bread Baking – Fellowship Hall Kitchen

February 22

Jazz Sunday

Sunday School in Desperate Need for Subs During Rotation5!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help in our Sunday School program during Rotation Five. Thank You to those who helped make phone calls. Unfortunately, we are still running very short on volunteers. We are in desperate need of subs who are willing to teach. Please pray and consider how you may be able to help. The openings for Rotation 5 (Easter: Go and Tell) are:

2/22 Teacher needed for Games; Shepherds needed for 5k, 1, and 2nd grade classes

- 3/1** Teacher needed for Games and Cooking; Shepherds needed for 5k, 1, and 2nd grade classes
- 3/8** Shepherds needed for 5k, 1 and 2nd grade classes
- 3/15** Teachers needed for Cooking, Art, and Video stations; Shepherds needed for 5k, 1, 2nd grades classes
- 3/22** Teachers needed for Art and Video; Shepherds needed for 5k, 1, and 2nd grade classes
- 3/29** Large Group Gathering (5k-5th grade only) led by Kristin-at least one shepherd needed

Please contact Kristin via phone (414-453-0700), email (kristinsasse@sbcglobal.net), or at home (414-640-3391) ASAP if you are available.

Jazz Sunday • February 22 • 9:00 & 10:30 AM

It's that time of year again. Jazz Sunday is quickly approaching and I would like to personally invite you to join us and bring a friend to this uplifting and toe-tapping service. As always, we will present traditional and Dixieland jazz, along with your favorite hymns (with a little twist). This year, we will be teaching the Sunday School children about "scat" singing. The band will have some special music ready for any children (or adults) who might want to "sit-in" with the band and do a little "scatting." Watch for more information at the upcoming children's moments. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to share in worship through the spirit of jazz music. Duke Ellington said it best, talking about his musical ability, performing, and his faith-"Now I can say loudly and openly what I have been saying to myself on my knees." I am proud to say that we are only two musicians away from being an all WAUMC member jazz ensemble. So, come on out and support your local church musicians and help us kick off the Lenten season. Musical Blessings, Tim Karth

"The Last Week"

Jesus' ministry lasted a mere three years, according to the Gospels. However, all four gospels, to a certain degree, concentrate on seven final days. Jesus predicts his end three times to his disciples and, yet, they didn't realize the way.

- ♦ A follower of Jesus means following him on the way.
- ♦ The way leads to Jerusalem.
- ♦ Jerusalem is the place of confrontation with civil & religious authority.
- ♦ Jerusalem is the place of death and resurrection.

Beginning Sunday, March 1, and for the following five Sundays, Jack Kaufman will lead a class on "The Last Week," based on the book by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossen. The class will be held in rm. 4 at 9:15 am. Bring a Bible and join us on the way.

Lenten Emphasis: Three Simple Rules

During the upcoming Lenten weeks, we will be offering study group options based on Rueben Job's "Three Simple Rules." The classes will be held:

- Thursdays: February 26 – April 2, at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall
- Fridays: February 27 – April 3, at 10:00 am in the Heywood Room
- Mondays:
 - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 10:30 am at Harwood Place Chapel
 - February 16, March 16, April 20, & May 18, at 1:30 pm at Village at Manor Park Hickory Skywalk
 - February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, & June 1 at 12:30 pm at Luther Manor Gathering Place

In addition, the Sunday morning Children's Stories during worship and some of our youth classes, will also be based on the "Three Simple Rules." If parents would like to have conversation with their families about these rules, please check on-line for discussion starters at: <http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=746474>. This link will take you to a page on the Cokesbury website that contains information about the study book for children. scroll down a bit, until you see the "Description" of the book, and after the written description there is a link to the Conversation Guide. Click on that link and the two page guide should come up. If you are having difficulty finding this link, we will also have hard copies of the Conversation Guide, on the tables near the sanctuary.

The more we can work together on Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God, the better! Watch for the registration form in the upcoming *Tower* and bulletins.

Spring New Member Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church? If so, you are invited to orientation sessions to be held on Sunday, **March 15**, and Sunday, **March 29**, both at 6pm at the church. On March 15, we will serve snacks and desserts and on March 29, we will begin our gathering with a light supper. Childcare will be provided. New members will be received and welcomed at one of our three services on Sunday, April 5. If you would like to talk to Pastor Sue or Pastor Jan about your possible interest in these classes, please call her at the church (414-453-0700). You may also sign up for the classes by leaving your name at the church office. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Ash Wednesday Service

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we take the time to reflect upon our mortality as well as recognize the ways we have become separated from God. A service of worship will be held on Wednesday, **February 25**, at 7:00 pm. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes (a sign of our repentance and our mortality). Being marked with ashes can be a humbling experience that may open our hearts in a new way to the presence of God. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads will be an option for those who may find it meaningful, but you need not participate in this aspect of the service if it is not comfortable for you. Also, feel free to pick the The Sanctuary for Lent daily devotional book, in the baskets close to the sanctuary and chapel. There will be large-print editions for those who might find those useful.

Calling All Thespians

Our Holy Thursday service this year will include a dramatic presentation entitled Voices from the Crowd from the Iona Community. There are six monologues including 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. We are looking for people who want to be a part of this moving time of reflection. We also need two people who are willing to carry a cross down the center aisle as well as someone who would assemble the cross. We will need only one combined rehearsal to coordinate everything since these are stand alone monologues and most of the rehearsal time is done on your own time. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jan at 414-453-0700.

Calling All Singers!

This year's Easter Cantata, "Who Is This King?" by Lloyd Larson & Joseph Martin will be on **March 8**, during the 9:00 & 10:30 am services. The Chancel Choir rehearses the cantata at 8:15 pm Wednesday evenings. Contact Sheila Feay-Shaw if you are interested in participating or just come.

Volunteers Needed

The finance committee is asking for volunteers to help conduct a review of the 2008 financial statements. It is estimated it will take approximately one Saturday morning in either February or early March. The review will consist of analyzing the balances of various accounts and verifying the balance of those accounts. Please contact the church office if interested.

Youth Choir Expands

Senior Highs are welcome to join the Youth Choir that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Wesley Hall. For further information please contact Joelle Karth at: joellek6@sbcglobal.net or 414-476-5951.

K'n'K

K'n'K members are going to attend "The Fiddler on the Roof" musical production at Wauwatosa East High School on Saturday, **March 28**, at 7:30 pm. We will meet at church at 5:30 pm for an appetizer supper. If you would like to join us, give your money (\$10 per ticket) to Myrna Kaufman by February 15. Come to church at 5:30 pm with an appetizer to share.

Help Church Women United Recycle

Church Women United will recycle your items to designated recipients.

Used postal stamps:

- Can't use dark-colored envelopes.
- Please cut beyond the stamp making sure the decorative edge of the stamp remains.
- Foreign stamps bring more money, but save domestic stamps too.

Church Women United sells them to stamp dealers sending the money to Church World Services.

Other items to collect:

- Soda can tabs. Save only the tabs. Ronald McDonald House benefits.
- Unused greeting cards with envelopes sent to you as advertising. These are taken to the jail for inmates to use.
- Audrey Arndt, 414-462-3708, handles Campbell Soup labels. Remove the whole label. Place them in the large soup cans on the same shelf. Call Audrey for questions.

Please store small items by types in plastic sandwich bags. When you think you have an ample quantity, bring them to church. Boxes labeled Stamps, Tabs, Cards will be found on the shelves by the soda machine in the entry space to Fellowship Hall. We will take them to the next CWU meeting and put them to work. Thank you for giving this service.