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“The Story of Two Lumberjacks!”



The story is told of two lumberjacks – an older and a younger – both known for their expertise and speed. Both were fearless lumberjacks and could clear big trees swiftly out of a forest. One the younger man challenged the older to a contest to see who could cut down the most trees in a day.

The next day the contest began and both men went with their axes and went to work. The younger man, with his vim, vigor and vitality, began in earnest chopping down one tree after another without stopping. One tree after the other fell, both men using their skill with an axe to cut down many trees. About mid-day, the younger man noticed that the older lumberjack chopped trees for about an hour and then took a fifteen-minute break. He laughed that the older man could not keep up with him, needing that break to rest.

At the end of the day when the felled trees were counted, the older lumberjack had chopped down one-third more trees than the younger lumberjack. Puzzled, the younger lumberjack asked the older, “How could you, taking a break every hour, cut down more trees than I did cutting nonstop all day?”

The older lumberjack responded, “Because when I stopped you thought I was taking a break, which I was, but what you didn’t see was me sharpening my axe every time I rested.”

The Moral of the Story: How many of us are trying too do the Lord’s work with dull axes? How many of us are trying to fight off temptations with dull axes? During this Easter season, I challenge you and I to sharpen our spiritual axes for the building up of the body of Christ. Amen.

Pastor Bud

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” Abraham Lincoln

Christian Ed. News

Awesome job to all the students that participated in the Easter Program! We are so proud of everyone! Also, thank you to those that helped get them to the extra practices.

Easter

There will be **NO Christian Education OR Egg Hunt** on Easter this year. This will allow students and teachers to be able to come to church and spend time with their families.

Curriculum

Our last curriculum for the year will be "Summer Games". This will go along with our FUMC Olympics that we will have on May 6th.

FUMC Olympics

We will have an *All Church Olympics* on May 6th during Christian Education time (9:20 to 10:25 AM). We invite and encourage EVERYONE to participate in fun! Each class will participate in Olympic games. There will be medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) for each game. Anyone can be a spectator, makes signs and cheer on their favorite athlete. More details to follow soon!

Movie Night

We have scheduled a movie night for April 14th. Concessions will start at 6:00 PM and the movie at 6:30 PM. The feature movie will be "Ferdinand." This is open to everyone of all ages. Don't forget to wear your PJ'S, bring your pillow and blanket for a relaxing night.

Christian Education Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 10:30 AM with organizing some items in the Christian Education area after the meeting.

Food Challenge

We are continuing with our food challenge of 1,000 pounds of food by May. So far we have 768 pounds donated (as of March 24th). When we meet our goal we will have the FUMC Olympics! Keep up the good work!

Salvation Store

We will have the Salvation Store on April 15th and 22nd. Food will be available that the students can buy with their Bible Bucks to be donated to the Food Pantry.

VBS

Mark your calendar for VBS! This year the dates are June 10th – 14th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. We will have fun exploring Rolling River Rampage. A list of donations is in the Lobby. If you would like to share your talents and help volunteer at VBS please let Renee, Sherry or Paul know.



Christian Education

Our last day of Christian Ed. is May 13th. This will be a fun day in the classrooms. We appreciate the opportunity to teach your children throughout the year. We are all a family and we love and pray for each of them to know Jesus and follow HIS PATH.

Please let Sherry or Renee know if you have any questions.

Happy Spring!

Christian Education Team



Hello Spring!

The March Birthday party at Good Samaritan Center is in the books . . .

Thank you to Marlene E., Marjene L., Kathy F., Donna J. and Kim C. for facilitating bingo and serving cake. Thirteen residents enjoyed winning and eating delicious Angel Food cake with green cool whip.

Our first quarterly meeting was held on [Wed. March 28th](#). Sue L. and Jackie W. had 'get to know you' questions for all of us. Others served a delicious dessert and beverage. Thank You to all who came! A short meeting was held.

We hope more will join us [June 27th](#) for our next quarterly meeting.

Look for information online and in the bulletins for a Mother Daughter celebration in May. If we gather enough support we plan to have it the [first Saturday in May](#). Stay tuned ...

Enjoy the wonderful Spring upon us.



Worship Time Change

We will be going back to **TWO** services for the Summer on May 20.

9:00 AM Worship
and
6:30 PM SEW (Sunday Evening Worship)

DREAM TEAM

Alive! Alive! Jesus is Alive!

We have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How BLESSED we are of the sacrifice HE made for us!

Forgiveness. There is no greater gift!

Thank You to all the "Dream Teamers" who make Sunday mornings even more enjoyable with their smiles and handshakes.

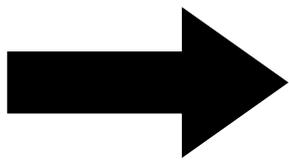
We are excited to welcome — Riley Kieler and Dan and Coletta McLimans to the group. We are blessed to be such a diverse group with many, many talents. For example: Coletta is a great shopper and is already sharing that gift as we are sending care packages to our FUMC College Freshman just in time for finals.

Another thing we are looking forward to is a brunch for new members that have joined FUMC over the past year.

As a side note, for those interested — we have 47 baby calves with 5 to 7 more being born each day. Update to follow! YES, Chelsea made me add this to me "bit".

God is Good — All the Time!
Jeff Thomas and "The Dream Teamers"





April Mission Grant County Cancer Coalition

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization that will help cancer victims and their families in Grant County, Wisconsin. Our group is strictly volunteer.

Why Are We Doing This?

Our goal is to be able to help those that are dealing with their fight against cancer. We want to be there for them to help conquer that battle.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to assist cancer patients living in Grant County Wisconsin. As applications are submitted, each will be given a case number, allowing as much confidentiality as possible, with only one board member knowing the applicant's name. We are dedicated to being fair to everyone and it is our hope to be able to meet the needs of everyone who applies.

All money raised or donated to GCCC stays in Grant County, Wisconsin.

2017 was a record breaking year for the Grant County Cancer Coalition! A total of 61 applications were approved, beating out the previous record in 2013 (59 applications). That is a total of \$73,200 of assistance!

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.grantcountycancerco.org>
OR
"Grant County Cancer Coalition"
on Facebook

April Food Pantry Needs:

Vegetable Soup
Canned Tomatoes
Rice
Pancake Mix
Mac and Cheese
Pineapple
Shampoo



"Forgiveness"

Finding Pace Through Letting Go

Join us for our new series beginning on April 22!

"If your enemies are starving, feed them some bread; if they are thirsty, give them water to drink."
Proverbs 24:17

There is nothing more crippling than holding on to anger. Anger, more than any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distort our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationship with God.

- Revelation comes when we realize that forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves rather than to someone else.
- Only when we learn to forgive others and ourselves can we truly receive forgiveness from God.



March 2018 Attendance

March 4	228
March 11	195
March 18	236
March 25	313

Financial Update(s)

Giving Envelopes

We are asking that you please seal your giving envelopes. This way, if they don't happen to make it to the offering basket, we will know they have been used. *Thank You!*

Budget

We are currently \$4,211.72 behind in budget giving. This amount is less than 1 week behind what is needed.



Impact

Youth IMPACT News

We'll be doing Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast ... We're looking forward to waking up early! LOL. Be sure to join us for breakfast immediately after worship.

Sunday, April 15th at 12:30 PM we'll be leaving the Church to go to Dubuque to do Escape Rooms! Mark your calendars and let us know who will be going.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018! Confirmation Sunday is April 29th at the 10:30 AM Worship Service. Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00 PM.

Senior Breakfast for graduating High School Seniors, who call FUMC their Church Family, is Sunday, May 6th at 9:00 AM, or immediately following the 8:00 AM worship service. Thank you to United Friends for hosting this once again this year! There will be NO Coffee Hour on this date and it is also the "FUMC Olympics".

thank you

Thank you to the following families for sharing and Easter Lily in honor or in memory of loved ones during Holy Week!

Pastor Bud and Lori Budzinski
Mark and Carmen Burkum
Kim and Randy Chase
Roberta Galer
Melba Gregory
Handfelt Family
Michael and Catrice Hunt
Larry and Carol Jeidy
Chad, Sherry and Riley Kieler
Brett and Natasha Klais Family
Glen and Christine Klais
Chris and Pam Kreul
Sue Lewison

Dan and Coletta McLimans
Bill and Jeanne Millin
Connie Neal
John and Nadine Schrader
Ethan, Jackson and Addie Sheckler
Carol Schrader Spahn
Dan and Teri Stewart
Jeff and Renee Thomas
Chuck, Barb and Hayley Weist
Bobbi Jo Pink and Heidi Millin Families
Doug, Karen, Nicole, Nick, Chelsey and Matt



Who's Serving in April?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Hunt's	Sandy Knapp
4/8/2018	Kieler Family	Linda Stephenson
4/15/2018	McLimans'	Connie Neal
4/22/2018	Bob and Maggie Miller	Sandy Knapp
4/29/2018	Kevin Klais Family	Confirmation

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Maggie Kartman	Pastor Bud
4/8/2018	Jeff Thomas	Pastor Bud
4/15/2018	Sherry Kieler	Sherry Kieler
4/22/2018	Krista Demo	Pastor Bud
4/29/2018	Robert Kenney	Pastor Bud

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Loran Friederick and Jaren Knight	Linda Stephenson
4/8/2018	Bobbi Jo Pink Family and Heidi Millin	Karen Rosemeyer
4/15/2018	Roberta Galer and Audrey Doan	Ruth Everson and Wes Fry
4/22/2018	Shawn Handfelt and Sarah Torgerson	Wehrle's
4/29/2018	Kecin Klais Family	Confirmation

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Thomas', Burkum's, Stenner's and Rands'	Sandy Knapp and Linda Stephenson, Rod and Jackie Wehrle

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Tonia Schildgen	Linda Stephenson
4/8/2018	Carrie Barker	Linda Stephenson
4/15/2018	Karla Wltzig	Connie Neal
4/22/2018	Carmen Burkum	Jackie Wehrle
4/29/2018	Linda O'Kane	N/A

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/1/2018	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
4/8/2018	Blake/Abigail Droessler	Jackson Sheckler
4/15/2018	Peyton Hollister	Brayden Fry
4/22/2018	Corbin/Brogan Demo	Cooper Leffler
4/29/2018	Ava Winkers	Wes Fry

Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds,
Dennis Freymiller, Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackburn, Paul Rector

*by His wounds
we are healed*
ISAIAH 53:5

