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## “Forgiveness!”

One of the recent sermon series we had was “Forgiveness” by Adam Hamilton. There was a lot of discussion about forgiveness and sharing how forgiving and being forgiven has made a difference in people’s lives. Some of the questions asked are some Adam Hamilton also shared in his book.

### *Is forgiving the same as condoning?*

No, forgiveness is not the same as condoning. Forgiveness means letting go of the pain in our own lives and putting down the stones we have carried in our own hearts. Yet we are also putting down the stones we might have thrown at those who wronged us. Having said that, we can, and usually must, choose to let go of these stones, while still being clear that what happened was not okay. We are choosing not to allow these wrongs to continue to affect us. We are choosing not to give the wrongdoer any more power over us.

### *Does forgiving dismiss the consequences?*

Often forgiveness means setting aside the right to retribution, but sometimes there are consequences that cannot be avoided. If someone lies to you or betrays a confidence, you may forgive that person, but it may be a long time before you trust the person again. This loss of trust is a consequence people face by virtue of their dishonesty or betrayal, even though you may have forgiven them.

When my children were small and they did something that required punishment, we would put them in time-out. As they got a little older, we would ground them. At some point during the punishment, one of my daughters, Danielle or Rebecca, might say, “Dad, I’m really sorry. I know I did the wrong thing. I shouldn’t have done that.”

And I’d say to her, “Thank you for saying that. I love you so much. I understand, and it’s all right now.”

“Am I still grounded?”

“Yes, honey, I’m sorry. You’re still grounded.”

Her being grounded was not retribution; it was a way of teaching her and forming her character so that she would avoid repeating the transgression in the future. Forgiving my daughter was a way of restoring our relationship. Both punishment and forgiveness were essential to her development, and they were not mutually exclusive ideas.

If the aim of a punishment is only retribution, then this punishment must be set aside once forgiveness enters the picture. But if the aim of a punishment is redemption, then that punishment may be essential, even after forgiveness happens. God works through consequences and punishment. Punishment can be important not only for teaching the individual, but also for maintaining order in society. It is possible to forgive someone who has committed a crime against you, while still feeling that society, and perhaps the redemption of the individual is best served by incarceration.

*Pastor Bud*



United  
Methodist  
Women

Well summer is here and it's seems to be either really HOT or really RAINY!

UMW met for their second quarterly meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed delicious treats and a short program on Human Trafficking. Did you know that it has been documented in all 72 of Wisconsin counties? We will hang a brochure on the bulletin board with information this week if anyone wished to take a look. It is a mission of the UMW and others to help lessen this.

*Future Events/Dates to Keep in Mind:*

Salad Luncheon: August 29<sup>th</sup>

UMW Sunday: September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Third Quarterly Meeting: September 26<sup>th</sup>

Blessings to all and KEEP COOL!

**LIFEST**

A group of about 25 will be departing on July 12<sup>th</sup> to travel to Oshkosh for 4 days of Worship, growing in faith, and being rejuvenated at LIFEST. Please keep the crew in your prayers!

**June 2018 Attendance**

June 3	170
June 10	138
June 17	141
June 24	181

**DREAM TEAM**

Enjoy the summer as its flying by. Thank you to everyone that helped provide and serve the meal for VBS week. It was awesome!

Thanks to our Taste of Worship servers for providing donuts/treats and beverages each Sunday for worship. It's a nice added touch and sometimes people's "breakfast".

Please sign up to serve, for worship services, in various ways during the summer. Vacations are happening, but please don't take a vacation from worship, and especially not from praising God.

God is Good — All the Time!

*Jeff Thomas and "The Dream Teamers"*

**July Mission**

**Local Assistance Fund**

The Fennimore United Methodist Mission emphasis for July will be the Local Assistance Fund, administered through our local church. This fund is for the purpose of helping people in the Fennimore School District, on a temporary basis, such as for gas money, milk and bread, etc. by providing limited funds for emergency needs. This fund replaces our participation in the *Helping Hands Fund*, because we do not have a fully functioning ministerial association at the present time.

Please place all mission offerings in the offering envelopes provided in the weekly bulletins, and use the missions line to list amount and what mission it is for, in this case, Local Assistance Fund. If you wish to give but cannot attend, please send checks to the church office. All checks should be made out to *Fennimore United Methodist Church*, with Mission Offering designation marked on the line provided on the check.

# Who's Serving in July?

## Ushers

Date	9:00 AM
7/8/2018	Glen and Christine Klais Family
7/15/2018	Rod and Jackie Wehrle
7/22/2018	Linda Stephenson and Karen Rosemeyer
7/29/2018	Shannon Winkers Family

## Kid's Time

Date	9:00 AM
7/8/2018	Eric Oyen
7/15/2018	
7/22/2018	Sarah Droessler
7/29/2018	Sarah Leffler

## Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	9:00 AM
7/8/2018	Jan Ready and Misty Riedle
7/15/2018	Dan and Coletta McLimans
7/22/2018	Bobbi Jo and Brady Pink
7/29/2018	Heidi Millin and Bobbi Jo Pink

## Acolyte

Date	9:00 AM
7/8/2018	PJ Volz
7/15/2018	Peyton Hollister
7/22/2018	Blake Droessler
7/29/2018	Cooper Leffler



## Liturgist

Date	9:00 AM
7/8/2018	Glen Klais
7/15/2018	Jackie Wehrle
7/22/2018	Nicole Vogt
7/29/2018	Linda O'Kane

*Remember our Friends at:*

**Orchard Manor**  
Doris Schneider

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

**Sunset Fields**  
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector

# Christian Ed. News

VBS was a HUGE success! We had such a fun week learning more Bible stories and growing in our faith. We had fun songs, cool art projects, active games, amazing science projects and quiet time to reflect what we learned about God's love. We had a total of 92 registered students with an average of 75 per night.

## VBS Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who helped in anyway with VBS. Whether you helped decorate, cook and serve a meal, register students, guarded doors, were a station leader or helper, a teacher or helper or even prayed for a successful week we want to **THANK YOU** all so much. This is our biggest outreach for the year and it takes everyone working together to make is so successful. We couldn't make VBS possible without each and every one of you.  
**THANK YOU, EVERYONE!**

## LIFEST

If anyone is interested in going to LIFEST, July 12 —15, please let Sherry know ASAP! We have had one informational meeting already but there is still time to sign up to go. It is a great experience with lots of bands and speakers. We will be shopping for food the weekend before so we need to know right away if you would like to go. Please pray for God to fill our hearts and safe traveling.

## Mission Trip

We have many adults and students heading to Texas for a mission trip from July 28 — August 5. Please pray for their safe travels and to do God's work by helping others and to share his love with them. This is a great experience for all of them and we are very thankful for this opportunity.

## Concession Stands

We will once again have the sunrise orchard concession stand September 15 and 16, 22 and 23 and Apple Fest 29 and 30. The food stand has been moved back to the parking lot so we are praying for a more successful year. If you are willing to help volunteer with us please let Sherry know and we will figure out our schedule when it gets closer.

We pray everyone is having a fun and safe summer. We are planning for the Fall and will see you at Christian Education on September 9<sup>th</sup> for our first day back!

*God's Blessings,*

*Christian Education Team*



# Congratulations

*Jaelynn Lee Washburn and  
Jaxon Robert Joseph Moon*  
Parents: Jennifer and Justin Moon  
Baptized on June 24, 2018  
By Pastor Bud



### **July Food Pantry Needs:**

- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo

## VBS

Romper and Captain Renee want to Thank everyone for the dedicated hours put in to make VBS happen. Rolling River Rampage was a huge success and it couldn't happen without each and everyone of you doing your part.  
THANK YOU!

We had a total of 95 students registered and an average attendance of 74 students for the week. Our meals feed on average about 110 people each night. We had first time new volunteers that stepped up, and I think, really loved participating as a volunteer for VBS. The rafters (students) learned the bible verses and engaged in the lessons each night. I still receive videos, from parents, of rafters singing the songs. That's when you know they loved VBS and got something out of it.

Our mission was the Grant County Water Safety, Search and Rescue Team. Deputy Jareadeu came and spoke to the rafters and did a demonstration, showing them the boat, procedures, etc. We all found it very interesting and informative. We presented Deputy Jareadeu with a donation to help with costs of operation.

Weeks prior to VBS when the last minute push is on and the hours are beyond long and working hands are short, you think, "We're to old for this, are we going to make it" and then VBS starts and the enthusiasm from the students wanting to learn about God and excited to see what we have to offer day after day gives you the energy to make it through.

Upon completion of VBS our props and decorations are divided and go to four other churches to help them fulfill their VBS weeks. So, VBS doesn't go away after our week, its very much alive and the decorations return to us in about a month. The work for us isn't done either. LOL But all worth it! Sharing God's word with younger ones is amazing!

No job or duty is to menial, all the pieces of the puzzle fit together and it went extremely well.  
Thank You, Everyone!

## Budget Update

We are currently \$650.12 behind in Budget Giving.

*Thank You for Your Continued Support!*

## COME FOR SUPPER

The C4S Core Group and Volunteers hosted a Summer Free Community Meal, Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> with a main course of Burgers and Hot Dogs.

We truly miss the opportunity to serve our community at this capacity and seeing community members coming together so if all goes well, we will have various meals. A summer one (now) and one in mid November.

Thank you to those that support, see the value of Come for Supper, and enjoy serving and having fellowship with our community as a whole!



Jeff and I can not thank our church family enough for the support, love, prayers, visits, cards, food, texts, calls, help on the farm, etc following his accident and continuing today and months to come. We are blessed with a great support team of family, friends and neighbors. Without you caring, it would make this even more difficult. It will be a long recovery, but the blessing is, it's a recovery and not a funeral. God is faithful, great, loving and good ... Jeff is alive. Coincidences don't happen, God goes before us and is in control. Don't ever question that!!! Please hold your loved ones closer and do NOT take each day for granted. Praise our Lord and Savior and be righteous, for you do not know what the next moment in life holds. FROM JEFF: It is assumed most accidents happen because of stupidity, carelessness, recklessness or influences. I was going 3 miles an hour, spraying weeds when it happened and nothing could be done to prevent it.

*Word to the Wise, be extra careful!*