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# The Church Window



May  
2018

## “There Are Angels Among Us!”

I posted this story on Facebook and folks commented that I should continue to share this story, so I thought I would begin with the Newsletter.

Just a reminder that there are angels and God's messengers everywhere and God sends help, sometimes in unique packages. We recently were traveling back to Wisconsin from North Carolina, needing to get back and probably pushing it more than we should have through heavy rain and winds. We had gotten as far as Lawrenceburg, Kentucky and our van starts making some noises when we touch the brakes. I commented that the heavy rain was probably causing it but it got worse, much worse. It was making noise even without touching the brakes. I pulled into a gas station, lifted the hood, laid on the ground looking underneath and saw nothing. Looked at the front driver side tire and somehow cut my hand bad.

I told Lori I was going into the gas station to see where there was a garage. The clerk said he couldn't help me because he had just moved to the area two days ago. I came out and there were three people getting gas, so I decided to ask one of them. One gentleman was driving an old beat up Ford pickup (later told me he paid \$19 for it and got it running), long gray beard and hair and wearing an old Sterling Marlin jacket (old NASCAR). I asked where I could get help and he said there is an auto parts store a few miles down the road. The next thing I know he is right behind me as I walked back to the van. He said back that thing up and go forward, I want to hear that sound. I did and he said that is your front driver side brake and it is coming apart. He went on to say that he worked at an Auto Body shop for years and also worked on dirt track cars. He said you be safe and again gave directions.

We made it there, about three miles and the noise was horrendous. I pulled into the Advanced Auto Parts store and told them what was going on and one employee came out, listened and looked at it and he agreed, it was the brakes. He said we do not work on them here – just had the parts. He was thinking about a place that could get us in and I was getting anxious, pretty sure we would be spending the night and stressed about getting on the road.

I looked over at Lori and could not believe it, there was the gentleman from the gas station (was actually a little eerie at first). He said I was worried about you Wisconsin folks making it here so I followed ya. He then looked at the employee and said, “If it is alright with these folks, you got the tools and parts and I got the expertise, let's get that tire off and see what we got. We will see if we can fix it right here in the parking lot.”

We all agreed. We jacked the van up, got the tire off and there were no bolts holding the brake together. Both gentleman said that with all that rain we were lucky we didn't lose control. He got the bolts in, got everything back together, had us drive the van to listen for noise and everything was fixed, and we were ready to go! That gentleman was an angel and went above and beyond. Never judge someone by their appearance!

One other thing, not ashamed to say that when we got in the van, we looked at each other and both started crying. Just incredulous on how it all worked out. From the moment we stopped at the gas station to when we got back on the road, was roughly an hour. God is so good!  
Side note: He was wearing a Louisville Cardinals shirt and said he was going to the scrap yard so he put on a shirt that he didn't care if he got dirty or ruined. He told me: “Now if something should happen to me as I am fixin' these brakes, make sure you tell them I am a diehard Kentucky Wildcat!!!!!! LOL!

*Pastor Bud*

# Christian Ed. News

We have been busy with our **Summer Games** curriculum and learning how to do our best in what God has planned for us. He is always there for us, we just have to pray and ask him for help.

## FUMC Olympics

FUMC Olympics is coming up on May 6th immediately following 8:00 AM Worship (No Coffee Hour). To go along with the "Forgiveness" Series, we are inviting anyone to write down your sins on a piece of paper. We will burn our sins we bring and also from the "Grace" board. These will be burned by the Olympic torch to start our games. We have 10 Games — Long Jump, Curling, Hurdles, Javelin, Balloon Tennis, 100 Yard Dash, Basketball, Shotput, Speed Skating and Slalom. We are inviting EVERYONE to participate in the games. We will have some Olympic themed snacks, as well.

## VBS

VBS is June 10-14 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. A FREE meal will be offered on June 11-14 from 5 to 5:30. Please pray about using your talents and volunteering during the week. There is a sign-up board in the lobby to volunteer.

## VBS Worknight

We have scheduled a work night on May 16th from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. We will have a potluck, as well, so bring a dish to pass. If you can't work the whole time, please come and help whenever works for you! We appreciate everyone and anyone that can help.



## VBS Decorating

We will start decorating for VBS in some of the classrooms as soon as Christian Ed. is over. A big night of decorating will be June 6 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM along with a potluck. If you are available to help more than those times, please talk to Paul, Renee or Sherry to find out more times that we may be working.

## Last Day of Christian Education

Our last class time will be May 13th. We will have a class party on this day. It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. We always love to see how much each child grows in their faith during the year.

## Food Challenge



As of now we have over 1,400 pounds of food to donate to the food pantry. We will be accepting food items for the challenge until May 6th. We want to thank everyone that has brought in food for this challenge. The students are beyond excited to see the pile continue to grow.

Thank you for allowing us to share what is on our hearts and teach your children about Jesus' love for each of us.

*God's Blessings,*

*Christian Education Team*



# Congratulations

*Berklee Jayde Day*

Parents: Heather and Adam Day  
Baptized on April 15, 2018 by Pastor Bud



*Well, we waited and SPRING is finally here.*

**Mother Daughter Banquet News:**

If you haven't seen it in the bulletin, we have decided to hold the banquet every other year. We apologize and know we may disappoint some folks. This was partially due to personal conflicts as well as many community events. The month of May is so busy and fitting in the banquet was a challenge. So, look forward to Spring 2019 for the Mother Daughter Banquet.

**Upcoming:**

We look forward to serving an evening meal for VBS in June. Our next Quarterly meeting is set for Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

*Enjoy this lovely spring!*

**Worship Time Change**

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

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

***Dishes, Dishes, Dishes!***

Please check and pick up any dishes you may have here at the Church (from Funeral Luncheons, Coffee Hour, etc.). There will be a cart in Fellowship Hall. The remaining dishes will be donated to Depot Exchange in a few weeks. Thanks!

**DREAM TEAM**

Dream Team will be hosting a breakfast for all new members (from 2017 and April 2018) and their families on May 20 at 10:00 AM (immediately following 9:00 AM Worship). This has proven to be a fun event — a “Get to Know You” time filled with great food, laughter and maybe even a tear or two (at least from Renee).

The Dream Team would like to congratulate the ELEVEN new confirmands! We are excited for them as they enter the next part of their faith journey. This is a great group of kids who will be the future leaders in our congregation (or another). I (Jeff) am the mentor for Braden White and am VERY proud of him!

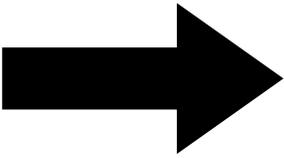
God is Good — All the Time!  
*Jeff Thomas and “The Dream Teamers”*



**Church Expansion**

The storage shed in the back of the Church is in rough shape. The roof is bad, the siding has holes in it, the wood below the door is rotten and the shed is full with no room for anything else. It's exciting times at FUMC! We are able to build a 32' by 28' garage. The church has been blessed and we're beyond thankful for this expansion and the support of each person. We will be able to store the trailer inside, have more storage for the lawn tools, a place to work on VBS props and more. You will soon start to see dirt being brought in for the home of our new garage.

Chad Kieler  
Trustee Team Leader



# May Mission Golden Cross United Methodist Ministry

*Your gifts to Golden Cross help:  
Feed the Hungry, Visit the Sick, Care for  
the Homeless, Clothe the Cold, Visit the  
Forgotten and Show Compassion for all  
God's People*

*The following Health and Welfare Ministries  
benefit from this offering:*

- Bellin Health (Green Bay)
- Christian Community Home (Hudson)
- Harbor House Crisis Shelters (Superior)
- Morrow Memorial Home (Sparta)
- Schmitt Woodland Hills  
(Richland Center)
- UM Children's Services (Milwaukee)
- VMP at Manor Park (West Allis)
- Cedar Crest (Janesville)
- Evergreen Retirement Community (Oshkosh)
- Hillcrest Family Services (Dubuque)
- Northcott Neighborhood House (Milwaukee)
- Sheboygan Senior Community (Sheboygan)
- UW Hospitals Ministry (Madison)



## VBS: June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

We have a work day scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 PM with a potluck. Please bring a dish to share and be ready for fun. We would appreciate many hands. Then the beginning of June we will have many work nights of actually decorating. Please consider helping out.

Additionally, there is a sign up sheet for volunteers for VBS week. Please prayerfully consider helping out and volunteering at some level for the week. Even if its for a few hours, or a night or whatever. You won't regret it!

If you have questions, please see  
Sherry or Renee.

### May Food Pantry Needs:

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



### "Forgiveness"

*Finding Peace Through Letting Go  
April 22 – May 13!*

"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.



### April 2018 Attendance

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



## Youth IMPACT News

They year has flown by and hopefully some of you have been enlightened or appreciate the Facebook "Youth Impact" Page. Its another way to communicate and to get devotions, things to think about, etc.

Next year we will be looking at meeting monthly and doing an activity quarterly. We would appreciate feed back PRIOR to the year starting to see what you as the youth would be interested in doing.

Due to our winter weather in April we needed to re-schedule the Escape Room Trip. So, it is now scheduled for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be departing from the Church at NOON to go to Dubuque for the Escape Room adventure.

Please let Renee or Sherry know ASAP (by Wednesday) if you are able to go. We need to book in advance and its \$25 per person to go.

Once you commit, you're going. We ask students to please pay \$10 toward the \$25 fee to attend and also bring money for food. We will stop somewhere on our way back. Please have a snack or lunch prior to leaving at Noon.

There are options for mission trips this summer. Please talk to Robert Kenney or Mr. Glasbrenner about the possible Texas trip in July. The Michigan Mission Trip cut off happened already, but I could possibly get someone in if they're still interested.

VBS — Please remember we would love to have youth volunteers to help out during VBS week.

The kids like to connect with people that are "cool" like you guys!

Hope everyone has a good finish to their school year and we'll see you at church!

Renee



Our Deepest Christian Condolences to ...

*Family of Ruth Meyer  
(Mother of Kim Cathman)*

*Family of David Everson*



## COME FOR SUPPER

Even though we have stopped doing a monthly meal, we will be meeting to discuss having something in the summer and also near Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing the core group again and just visiting, besides planning for future meals. We'll keep everyone posted regarding future dates.



## MOVIE NIGHT

We had to reschedule movie night because of the weather. So the new date for a FREE Movie Night — FERDINAND is Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is for ALL AGES!

Concessions open at 6:00 PM, Movie starts at 6:30 PM. Hope to see many of you there!



## Budget Update

We are currently \$1,410.88 ahead of Budget Giving.

*Thank You for Your Continued Support!*

# Who's Serving in May?

## Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Freymiller's	Sandy Knapp
5/13/2018	Kathy and Amber Adney	Linda Stephenson
5/20/2018 (9:00 AM)	McLimans'	
5/27/2018 (9:00 AM)	Judy and Carl Nelson	

## Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Maggie Kartman	Pastor Bud
5/13/2018	Jeff Thomas	Pastor Bud
5/20/2018 (9:00 AM)	Sherry Kieler	
5/27/2018 (9:00 AM)	Krista Demo	

## Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Oechsle's	Glen Klais Family
5/13/2018	Rob and Karla Rands	Connie Neal
5/20/2018 (9:00 AM)	Cecelis Hollister Handfelt's	
5/27/2018 (9:00 AM)	Sarah Torgerson	

## Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Thomas', Freymiller's, Kevin and Trent Klais, Phil Alm and Audrey Doan	Sandy Knapp and Rod Wehrle

## Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Kim Cathman	Glen Klais
5/13/2018	Linda O'Kane	Connie Neal
5/20/2018 (9:00 AM)	Phil Alm	
5/27/2018 (9:00 AM)	Linda O'Kane	

## Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/6/2018	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
5/13/2018	Blake/Abigail Droessler	Jackson Sheckler
5/20/2018 (9:00 AM)	Peyton Hollister	
5/27/2018 (9:00 AM)	Corbin/Brogan Demo	

*Remember our Friends at:*

**Orchard Manor**  
Doris Schneider

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

**Sunset Fields**  
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector

# Congratulations

## 2018 Confirmands

**Wesley Allan Fry**

Parents: Chad and Stacy Fry

**Tanner Charles Lansing**

Parents: Jeremy and Tricia Lansing

**Tec Conley McLimans**

Parents: Brian and Amber Zart

**Brandi Paige Oechsle**

Parents: Robert and Cathy Oechsle

**Justin Lee Trumm-Nihles**

Parents: JJ Trumm and Joey Nihles

**Alyssa Marie Schoepp**

Parents: Mark and Jennifer Schoepp

**Maya Rae Stepanek**

Parents: Ryan and Stacie Stepanek

**Sydney Florentine Stewart**

Parents: Dan and Teri Stewart

**Braden William White**

Parents: Ron and Tonya White

**Natalie Mae Zaluski**

Parents: Carl and Dawn Zaluski

**Brianna Marie Zimmerman**

Parents: Scott and Kari Pierce

## 2018 Graduates

**Brandy Bender**

Parents: Paul Bender and Paula Bender

**Brianna Birkett**

Parents: Steve and Tina Birkett

**Riley Blair**

Parents: Josh and Cheryl Blair

**Trey Hunt**

Parents: Michael and Catrice Hunt

**TJ Kenney**

Parents: Robert Kenney and Amy Kenney

**Tyler Klaas**

Parents: Tim and Trisha Klaas

**Bailey Kreul**

Parents: Jim Kreul and Charlotte Kreul

**Tyler Lansing**

Parents: Jeremy and Trisha Lansing

**Shianna Schultz**

Parents: Shannon and Jamie Schultz

# HELLO *summer*

## *Summer Happenings!*

### *Worship Options*

Everyone is busy in the summer but please remember to worship. Besides the Sunday morning worship at 9:00am we also offer an evening worship service. Its casual, short, and laid back. Its at 6:30pm. Please remember this if your journeys have you unavailable in the morning, you can still worship in the evening.

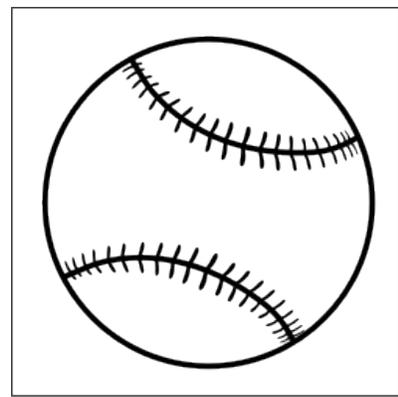
If neither of those work, be sure to go to our website and watch the worship service. You can either do the full service or just catch the sermon, its up to you.

### *Giving Options*

We've made giving easier. Many people don't carry checkbooks or cash much and often life is busy and you forget to prepare your giving before coming to church. We have the perfect solution ... Automatic Giving. You can complete a form and a specified amount can be withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis.

**I LOVE IT (Renee)!** Contact the Church Office or see Steve Birkett and they'll get you the form to help get one more thing off your plate! It's quick, easy and a one time deal! Another option is on line giving through Pay Pal.

*We're all about options!*



## **10 WAYS BASEBALL IS LIKE CHURCH:**

**MOST OF US HAVE SOME  
EXPERIENCE WITH IT.**

**SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE IT WILL NEVER  
END.**

**SO. MANY. TRADITIONS.**

**LONG LINES FOR FOOD AND DRINK.**

**IT REQUIRES SACRIFICE.**

**AT SOME POINT, WE ALL GET TO STAND  
AND SING.**

**IT'S A TEAM ENDEAVOR.**

**THERE'S SOMETHING  
BEAUTIFULLY UNIFYING IN  
TRADITIONS.**

**"HOME" IS THE FINAL  
DESTINATION.**

**PARTICIPANTS WILL NEVER BE PERFECT...  
BUT WE GET TO PLAY ANYWAY.**

thank  
you

Happy  
Mother's  
Day!

*Fennimore United Methodist Church would like to acknowledge the following items that were given in 2017 in memory of loved ones.*

*“Loved ones no longer with us leave footprints in our hearts and happy memories.”*

*Thank You to ALL who have chosen to leave a remembrance to our Church!*

X-Stand with Banners — Family of Darrell Neal

124 Chairs for Fellowship Hall — Families of David Galer, Carol Christianson and Lavon Hahn

Communion Supplies — Family of Norma Neuroth

3 Canvas Print Pictures — Families of Char Andrews, Jim Winkers and Lavon Hahn

Canvas Print and Banners — Family of Eugene Oechsle

Lenten Banner Set — Family of Carol Christiansen

75 “Through Faith We Sing” Hymnals — Family of Donna Bickford

## **Two Simple Words**

*by Abigail Wortman, New Jersey*

On the first day of first grade, I stood by the front door with butterflies in my stomach. I voiced my biggest concern to my mother: “How will I make friends?” Crouching in front of me, she handed me advice I carry with me to this day: “Be Switzerland.” Be friends with everyone. Treat everyone equally and fairly. For all of my 20 years, I have lived by these words. Soon I will graduate and become a part of the real world. And on that first day, nervously facing new responsibilities, I know I will whisper two words to myself: “Be Switzerland.”

“When you look at your Mother, you are looking at the purest love you’ll ever know.”

“Love your Mom no matter what you go through and no matter how much you argue, because in the end, she’ll always be there for you.”

She is  
clothed with  
**& STRENGTH**  
**& DIGNITY**  
and laughs  
WITHOUT FEAR  
of the **FUTURE.**