

Black River Falls
United Methodist Church
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Black River Falls, Wisconsin
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INWHA SHON, PASTOR

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School:
9:15 a.m. (September - May)

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NEWSLETTER
*"Serve, Teach, and Love
as We Grow in Faith"*

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2022

“Serve, Teach, and Love As We Grow In Faith”



“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 3:13-14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and grace be with you. I believe you are enjoying the warm weather now as we don't see snow around us anymore and the current phase of Covid-19 looks to be declining for most places. Green grass in my yard can clearly be seen. Many things have been changing. One thing I feel very saddened about is the war between Ukraine and Russia that began just a month ago. I pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and Russia and all other countries around the world.

I hope that you have been well during this Lenten season. As I stated in a previous newsletter, Lent is a time to change our mind, heart, and spirit. Lent is a journey of spiritual transformation. It is also called sanctification through the Holy Spirit residing within us. We have to honestly ask ourselves about this sanctification: What am I doing for transformation? How much am I working on this? What changes have I made on this journey? As I have stated a several times during worship, God loves us just the way we are; but God loves each of us too much to let us stay that way. Jesus came to help us be more God-like. God's goal is to transform us in all of areas of our lives, that is, physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally, financially, and vocationally, and spiritually. This transformation is not instantaneous, but rather incremental. It is a continuous process.

As we move toward Holy Week and Easter, I would encourage you to think about where you are now in this journey of transformation. To help in your transformation, I have encouraged you to have five things: to have a personal mentor to lead you to spiritual maturity; to learn the truth that sets you free and leads you to eternal life; to clean your heart to be renewed; to have honest community to help you to grow spiritually; and to have faith that God is able to change you. I believe our church exists for this reason. In other words, our church is a place where you can grow so that you may get closer to God and serve our neighbors.

I pray for each of you that you will celebrate and experience Easter the way God desires. That is, you will see real changes in your lives, not just as an annual religious ceremony, but an everyday transformation of your life. May God bless you all and I pray that the meaning of Easter could be realized in your lives through the resurrection.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Rev. Inwha Shon





APR 2	Mary Jelinek
APR 4	Basil Holder
APR 5	Leanne Kappen
APR 6	Robert Rush
APR 8	Breanne Caponigro
APR 9	Richard Hilliker
APR 12	Kyle Nosbisch
APR 13	Jeremy Brown
	Samuel Rogstad
APR 19	Kate Allen
	Steven Hansen
APR 20	Donna Dolsey
	James Ward
APR 21	Cathy Armbruster
APR 25	Anita Berry
	Katrina McGillivray
APR 28	Zackery Olson
APR 30	Lauren Lund



YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

APR 4	Jack Gunn
APR 5	Dreyden Sanders
APR 10	Rachel Crocker
APR 12	Annaliese Rave
APR 15	Brooks Cowley



APR 11	Jean Anderson
APR 13	Robert Uhrig
	Kay Finch
APR 17	Michael & Leanne Kappen
APR 19	Emil Jelinek
APR 22	Kyle & Renee Nosbisch
APR 26	Steven Hansen
APR 27	Howard & Kristie Gomer
	Jeremy & Stacy Brown



PRAYER FAMILIES FOR APRIL

APR 3	Dan, Lisa, Henry, James, Lily & Wesley McCullough
	Mark & Kay Simonson
	Randy & Pamela Bjerke
	Mary Gjerseth
APR 10	Rod & Katrina McGillivray
	David , Ann, Sophia & Julia Smetana
	Darrin, Anne, Nolan, Dylan & Charley Boehm
APR 17	Barbara, Daniel & Macie Goldsmith
	Marilyn McKeeth
	Don & Evangeline Stender
	Harley, Kathie, Kelly & Rebecca Boehm
APR 24	Penny Golsmith
	Dennis Melichar
	Terrie Stevens
	Daniel & Jocelyn Brauner



The Youth will continue to participate in the Wednesday night Lenten Van Gogh Bible Study.

CAMP: If you have not registered for Summer Camp, there are books in the Gathering area for you to take. The book describes each camp so you are able to decide on the perfect camp for you. Scholarships are available through our Church, so please also take a scholarship form. Once filled out, please return the form to Suzanne 715-896-0224 or Dan in the church office.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE: On Saturday, April 23rd our church is partnering with the Lutheran Church to build beds for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program. This program provides beds for children in need in Jackson County. If you haven't signed up to work and want to, you will find the form in the Gathering area or let Suzanne know 715-896-0224.

Upcoming Dates:

April 6th 6pm Bible Study 6:30-7pm Youth Group
 April 13th 6pm Bible Study 6:30-7pm Youth Group
 April 20th 6-7pm Youth Group



**Lenten Devotional
along with Vincent Van
Gogh**



April 6, 6 pm, Wednesday
 Scripture: John 12: 1-8
 Painting: "Shoes"

Transformed Life Sermon Series

Lent: Transformed Life
 April 3, 2022
 Psalm 23
"Blessed Life in God"

April 10, 2022
 Romans 7:21-25
"Transformed Life by Changing Your Mind"

April 13, 6pm, Wednesday
 Scripture: Luke 19:28-40
 Painting: "Starry Night"

April 14, Thursday, 6 pm.
 Scripture: John 13:1-35
 Painting: "Café Terrace at Night"

April 15, Friday, 6 pm
 Scripture: John 18:1-19:42
 Painting: "At Eternity's Gate"

FINANCIAL REPORT - For the Two Months ended February 28, 2022

	<u>YTD Balance</u>	<u>2021 YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Weekly Offerings	\$ 31,968.28	\$ 47,036.00	67.97%
Special Offerings	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,168.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$ 2,021.56	\$ 2,826.00	71.54%
Total	\$ 33,989.84	\$ 51,030.00	71.86%
<u>Expenses</u>			
Apportionments	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,200.00	50.00%
Programming	\$ 1,213.67	\$ 1,358.00	89.38%
Pastoral Support	\$ 18,387.20	\$ 19,104.00	96.25%
Program & Support Staff	\$ 9,612.28	\$ 12,210.00	78.73%
Operations	\$ 10,537.82	\$ 11,164.00	94.40%
Total	\$ 43,350.97	\$ 51,036.00	84.95%
Difference	(\$ 9,361.13)	(\$ 6.00)	

In the first two months of 2022, The church's income is under budget by 28.14%. Again this is typical for these winter months, yet we are keeping a close eye on income as the year progresses. Expenses continue to be under-budget as well, but not to the extent of income shortfall. We continue to ask that you keep praying for our church finances. Remember these words from 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Jim Hornby, Finance Committee Chair



The Men's group held its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 17. Over 140 meals were sold and the group brought in \$1,730. Though more meals were expected to be sold, the event was quite a success. A huge thank you to all who participated and helped in any way.

Our next monthly meeting will be held Saturday April 2, 8am at the church. Come one come all.



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASS



Pastor Inwha will be leading an **Advanced Lay Servant Class** focusing on Prayer

When: May 13-14, Friday 6-9 pm/Saturday 9am-4pm

Where: Black River Falls UMC

Leader: Pastor Inwha Shon

Deadline to register: April 30th. Contact church office or Pastor Inwha.

Registration Fee: \$10 plus Meals (\$10)

A handbook will be provided and it is highly recommended that it be read in advance:

"Prayer: Experiencing Awe and intimacy with God" written by Timothy Keller.

Table of contents:

1. Corporate prayer 1: The Necessity in Revival
2. Corporate prayer 2: The Focus of Kingdom-centered Prayer
3. Corporate prayer 3: Three Principles of Kingdom-centered Prayer
4. Personal prayer 1: Heart-at-rest Prayer
5. Personal prayer 2: Change-the-world Prayer
6. Personal prayer 3: A Plan for Daily Prayer
7. Meditation 1: Doorway into Deeper Prayer
8. Meditation 2: Doorway into Deeper Prayer
9. Praise and Adoration
10. Confession and Repentance

Appendix A: Suggestions for Group Prayer

Appendix B: Prayer Walking in the C

MBTI PERSONALITY TYPE INDICATOR

Want to know more about yourself?

Here is an opportunity to find out your personality type better and understand and love yourself more. In addition, you can understand why others thoughts and behaviors are so different from me.

As Jesus says that "Love your neighbors as yourself," we can love others as much as you love yourself.

St. Theresa of Avila says that the first step in a life of holiness and union with God is self-knowledge.

The purpose of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is to know the type of oneself based on *Psychological Type* by Carl. G. Jung (Swiss psychiatrist) 1921. MBTI is a tool to show the type of personality developed by Isabel Briggs Myers and her mother, Katharine Briggs in 1962.

As you can see the image above, there are 16 types of distinctive personality that result from the interactions among the preferences. Which one do you belong to?

MBTI Workshop: April 29, 6 pm - 8 pm.

Where: Black River Falls UMC; Registration fee: \$20; Deadline to register: April 17.

Contact: Church office or Pastor Inwha

ISTJ Responsible, sincere, analytical, reserved, realistic, systematic. Hardworking and trustworthy with sound practical judgment.	ISFJ Warm, considerate, gentle, responsible, pragmatic, thorough. Devoted caretakers who enjoy being helpful to others.	INFJ Idealistic, organized, insightful, dependable, compassionate, gentle. Seek harmony and cooperation, enjoy intellectual stimulation.	INTJ Innovative, independent, strategic, logical, reserved, insightful. Driven by their own original ideas to achieve improvements.
ISTP Action-oriented, logical, analytical, spontaneous, reserved, independent. Enjoy adventure, skilled at understanding how mechanical things work.	ISFP Gentle, sensitive, nurturing, helpful, flexible, realistic. Seek to create a personal environment that is both beautiful and practical.	INFP Sensitive, creative, idealistic, perceptive, caring, loyal. Value inner harmony and personal growth, focus on dreams and possibilities.	INTP Intellectual, logical, precise, reserved, flexible, imaginative. Original thinkers who enjoy speculation and creative problem solving.
ESTP Outgoing, realistic, action-oriented, curious, versatile, spontaneous. Pragmatic problem solvers and skillful negotiators.	ESFP Playful, enthusiastic, friendly, spontaneous, tactful, flexible. Have strong common sense, enjoy helping people in tangible ways.	ENFP Enthusiastic, creative, spontaneous, optimistic, supportive, playful. Value inspiration, enjoy starting new projects, see potential in others.	ENTP Inventive, enthusiastic, strategic, enterprising, inquisitive, versatile. Enjoy new ideas and challenges, value inspiration.
ESTJ Efficient, outgoing, analytical, systematic, dependable, realistic. Like to run the show and get things done in an orderly fashion.	ESFJ Friendly, outgoing, reliable, conscientious, organized, practical. Seek to be helpful and please others, enjoy being active and productive.	ENFJ Caring, enthusiastic, idealistic, organized, diplomatic, responsible. Skilled communicators who value connection with people.	ENTJ Strategic, logical, efficient, outgoing, ambitious, independent. Effective organizers of people and long-range planners.

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APRIL 2022

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	MARCH	28	29	30	31	1	2 United Methodist Men's meeting 8:00am-10:00am
3	Family Worship-- Holy Communion Jubellation Choir 9:00am	4 UMW Circle meeting 5:30pm	5	6 Easter Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm	7 Intercessory Prayer 10:00am AED TRAINING 5:30pm	8	9
10	PALM SUNDAY SPIRIT! 9:00am Last day to order Easter Blooms	11	12 Committees Finance 5:30pm Trustees 6:00pm Admin C6:30pm	13 Intercessory Prayer 10:00am Easter Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm	14 MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE 6:00pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 6:00pm	16
17	EASTER SUNDAY Easter Choir 9:00am	18 UMW CIRCLE OF GRACE (Young Women) Time TBD	19	20 Intercessory Prayer 10:00am Worship 6:00pm	21	22	23 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE Bed build project 9:00am at ELC
24	Sunday Worship-- SPIRIT! 9:00am New Millennium Parents dinner and meeting 4:00pm	25	26 Committees Worship 5:30pm SPRC 6:30pm Farmers Market Board 6:00pm	27 Intercessory Prayer 10:00am Worship 6:00pm	28	29 MBTI WORKSHOP 6:00pm-8:00pm	30

Routine Activities:

<i>Pre-Confirmation</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 5:00pm</i>	<i>SPIRIT! Rehearsal</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 5:00pm</i>
<i>Confirmation</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 6:00pm</i>	<i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 6:30pm</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 7:00pm</i>	<i>Joyful Noise Choir</i>	<i>Each Thursday 5:30pm</i>



Hello UMW Members and Friends:

I was jotting down ideas to use for this month's article and then Sunday's church message, Love Your Neighbor, and March 27 being UMCOR Sunday was very appropriate for where we are, what we are hearing in the news, and local giving projects.

UMCOR has responded to many emergency needs around the world including the current crisis in Ukraine as Ukrainians are being sheltered at home as well as in neighboring countries. UMW focuses their mission giving to neighbors near and far with financial gifts and items to meet the needs of the receivers.

Your continued giving from your heart and your hands will help families as they move forward through hard times.

With God's blessing, Luane Meyer



EASTER MUSIC



Once again Spirit! will be planning special music for Easter Sunday, April 17th. We are inviting all interested singers to participate with us. There will be 2 remaining special practices to prepare two numbers and a call to worship. Celebrate Easter with song to the Lord Jesus.

All practices will begin at 5:00pm and will go until 6:30pm.

The dates of remaining practices are:

April 6 and April 13

The music may not be familiar to all, so try to make all the rehearsals. Looking forward to seeing you then!

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS

What is the Church to Parents of Children and Youth in the New Millennium?

Dinner and Discussion on Sunday April 24th at 4 pm in church fellowship hall. In a world of business, war-ringing, political division, and hatred, how do we raise our children to be loving ambassadors? We invite parents of children from birth through age 18 to come for dinner.

We will hold a session regarding your vision for your children in the Christian faith, and what you, as parents need from our church for your own spiritual journey. We hope to help develop a strong, lifelong relationship with God, our Creator and Son, Jesus Christ; and to know what that means in connection with your families, community, and the world around us.

More information will be coming. Responses can be sent to me at drkatrinamcg@gmail.com or text 812-657-1290.

Katrina McGillivray



A Leadership Retreat was held on March 25th and 26th, and attended by 20 plus individuals. Using the "Purpose Driven Church" Learner's Guide, we studied how the church can grow by understanding and developing 5 areas of our church: Worship, Discipleship, Evangelism, Fellowship and Ministry.

As we completed session 1-4, with more to be studied at a later time.



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE:**

This is a reminder that on April 23 we will be at the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) bed build project. We will be meeting from 9 to 3 that day to build 60 beds. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered or made a donation. Donations of bedding (preferred new for twin size beds) or monetary donations are still being accepted. If rain prevents us from completing the project on the 23rd, we will meet then on April 30.

KNIT FOR KIDS:

Please be sure to get your completed projects in by April 30 for the Knit for Kids program. Pastor Inwa Shon will be blessing the knit or crochet items on May 8th before they are sent to World Vision for distribution. As I write this we are getting closer to our goal of 100. Keep up the good work. Donations of gently used pillow cases are still being accepted for dresses for little girls.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church website for volunteer opportunities for other projects around the state. The URL is as follows: [wisconsin+vim+national+trips+2022+-1+updated+3.22.22.pdf \(wisconsinumc.org\)](https://www.wisconsinumc.org/volunteer+trips+2022+-1+updated+3.22.22.pdf) There are still some events where help is needed. In May, help is needed to prepare Pine Lake for campers this summer. There is scholarship money available if you need some financial assistance to participate. Reach out to Marcia Hagen or Andrea Hoffman for more information if needed.

SEWING DAY:

As restrictions are eased related to the pandemic, now endemic, I am considering hosting a sewing day at the church to work on the Patricia Project. We have many pieces that are partially completed and it would be great to get them finished and sent on their way. If you would be more comfortable working at home independently, let me know. Otherwise be watching and listening for a date sometime this month.

OTHER MINISTRIES:

The committee is exploring other ways that we can provide ministry to our community. Items considered are; once a week hosting a meal that is open to the public, working with other churches to help the homeless.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 3, at 5:30PM to review how the bed build project went and plan for the blessing of the sweaters.

Charlene Galston
715 284 9544



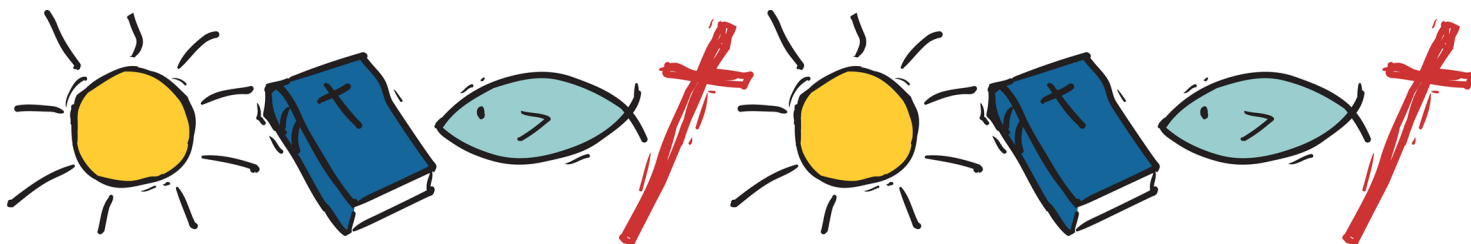


Beginning Wednesday April 20, Worship Services will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served for your convenience. Each week a different committee/group of the church will conduct the service. If you would like to be a part of the Wednesday Worship Services, please contact Andrea Hoffman for more information.

Join in Worship and Fellowship with others as we grow Spiritually



The special offering for UMCOR on Sunday March 27 raised \$947. Our church also raised an additional \$759 for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. These are amazing totals for which our church can be proud. Thank you for your gifts.



What Happened On This Day in the history of Christianity?

Politician to Preacher

April 3

Ambrose was born in Gaul, where his father was governor. His family shortly moved to Rome, where Ambrose was raised to be a skilled poet, orator, and lawyer. After practicing law in the Roman courts for a time, he was named governor of an Italian province and headquartered in Milan.

There, a crisis arose when Bishop Auxentius died in 374. The city was divided over who should replace him, and tensions were high. Ambrose assembled the people and used his oratorical powers to appeal for unity. But while he was speaking, a child cried out: "Let Ambrose be bishop!" The crowd took up the chant, and the 35-year-old governor, to his dismay, was elected the city's pastor.

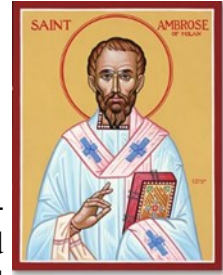
He set himself to study theology, soon becoming a great preacher and a deft defender of orthodox doctrine. He combated paganism and heresy with diligence, maintained the independence of the church against civil powers, and championed morality. He confronted political leaders, even emperors, when necessary. He wrote books and treatises, sermons, hymns, and letters. He tended Milan like a shepherd.

Perhaps none of that was more important than his influence on a hot-blooded infidel who slipped into town one Sunday to hear him preach. The skeptical Augustine found himself deeply impressed by the power of Ambrose's sermons, and he sought personal counseling from the bishop.

But Ambrose was too busy. Visitors were allowed into his room, but he paid scant attention to them. He just went ahead reading. Several times Augustine sat watching him, but Ambrose remained unaware of it. His preaching, however, reached the prodigal, and shortly afterward Augustine was converted.

Ambrose continued preaching until he fell sick in 397. When distressed friends prayed for his healing, he said, "I have so lived among you that I cannot be ashamed to live longer, but neither do I fear to die; for we have a good Lord." On Good Friday, **April 3, 397**, Ambrose lay with his hands extended in the form of the cross, moving his lips in prayer. His friends huddled in sadness and watched. Sometime past midnight their beloved bishop passed to his good Lord.

"Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." - Titus 1:7-9.



Morgan, Robert J., *On This Day*

