

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

AUGUST 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus at BRF,

Peace be with you. I am your new pastor, Inwha Shon, and am so honored and happy to serve the Lord with you at this beautiful church. I am so glad to meet you in Christ and do the work together that God has asked us to do for the kingdom of God through this faith community. I want to skip my personal history and family story here, because I mentioned those in my first pastoral letter.

First of all, I pray for all of you that you will go through this unprecedented pandemic well with the Lord. It is very hard for us to get through this unusual time. Since this pandemic broke out, many people around the world have become sick and have died due to COVID-19. We are still waiting for the vaccine to cure COVID-19. It is uncertain when a vaccine is going to be available. It is true that this reality makes us more anxious and fearful.

In retrospect, we have always been surrounded by difficult and dangerous situations. Sometimes we face natural disasters, such as hurricanes, storms, or wildfires. Sometimes, we encounter unexpected accidents, like car accidents, airplane crashes, shipwrecks. Also, we are confronted with various illnesses or diseases unwittingly. It is appropriate to say that we live along with various kinds of problems together throughout our life.

Thus, I believe we need to be aware of this reality so that we can prepare for it in advance and cope with it wisely, confidently, and faithfully. As we are Christians, we have hope and resilience because our Almighty God is always with us, guides us, and protects us. The Bible says:

“But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold” (Job 23:10).

Also Romans 8:35-39 strengthens us:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

I don't mean that Christians never face any problems if they believe in God. Instead, I would say that we believers can overcome any crisis, no matter what problems we have, because God is always with us, as Psalm 23:4 says, *“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”* We can win over this difficult time through God who loved, loves, and will love us.

I pray for all of you that you stay in God and follow the Holy Spirit who is the truth. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Rev. Inwha Shon



FROM OUR
PASTOR





AUG 3	Paul Hoffman Ken Schoolcraft
AUG 5	Robin Hoffman
AUG 6	Roger Bue
AUG 7	Rhoda Gulso
AUG 8	Karen Dolsey
AUG 9	John Nimmo Sr. Keisha Nimmo
AUG 11	Kathy Lind
AUG 12	Kae Dettinger Jeff Dolsey
AUG 13	Denise Hanson Larry Pennekamp
AUG 14	Chuck Devendorf Ashley Huber
AUG 15	Andrea Hoffman Ashley Huber
AUG 17	Emma Bible Ethan Bible Kelly Boehm Rodney Zirk
AUG 18	Traci Bailey Don Galston Lyn Gates
AUG 19	Collin Gartner
AUG 23	Judy Lee Jennifer Meyer
AUG 26	Marilyn Hoffman
AUG 29	Mitchel Gjersest
AUG 30	Sylvia Crocker
AUG 31	Geri Allen



AUG 4	LeRoy & Fran Simonson
AUG 5	Chuck & Ruth Buswell Gustavo & Madelyn Calderon
AUG 14	Dave & Luane Meyer
AUG 16	Sonny & Marcia Hagen
AUG 18	Justin & Danielle Dougherty
AUG 20	Jack & Traci Bailey
AUG 30	Jim & Roxie Hostrawser



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has planned some gatherings each Sunday in August for members and friends to meet Pastor Inwha and his wife Esther and help them get to know their new church family! The gatherings will be held after worship each Sunday in August at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing will be observed and masks will be required. If you would like to take part in one of these gatherings, please register by calling the church office (715-284-4114). The gatherings will be limited to 10 people each week.



Your UMC Church Newsletter is available ONLINE at our website brfumc.org - or we can email it to you if we have your current email address. Only a limited number of newsletters are being sent in the mail to those who do not have email. Please call Jill in the Church Office for more information.

To UMW Members and Friends,

Thank you for your generous donations to our No-Bake Bake Sale in June. The monies raised will support the work of UMW's mission projects in our country and around the world.



In the July-August issue of **response**, the official UMW magazine, Editor Tara Barnes wrote of the toll COVID-19, protests across the country, and distrust with decision-making is challenging our vision of hope for the future. Many are facing poverty, homelessness, racism and along with the global health crisis. Tara shares, "Part of why I'm having a hard time with hope is because I know it exists. I feel it. I see it. I know we are created in God's image and so I know we are capable of great good."

UMW has been working hard to make positive change for women, children, and youth for over 150 years. UMW can continue to do this and so will we at BRF UMC, all working together. We will do what we can.

To our members, we will come to you soon with future plans on upcoming meetings and activities as we continue to keep health and safety foremost. Stay well and stay connected.

"While it can be tempting to want to go back, every minute we spend longing for the past is energy we aren't giving the new future that God is leading us toward." Thank you to Carol Hornby for sharing this in our Spiritual Growth e-mail chain. **response** July-August 2020

Luane Meyer
UMW President



FINANCIAL REPORT - End of Second Quarter 2020

	<u>YTD Balance</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Weekly Offerings	\$ 121,369.94	275,700.00	44%
Special Offerings	\$ 45.19	7,000.00	1%
Other Income	\$ <u>3,641.39</u>	<u>16,950.00</u>	21%
Total	\$ 125,056.52	299,650.00	42%
<u>Expenses</u>			
Apportionments	\$ 3,725.00	44,700.00	8%
Programming	\$ 2,754.06	6,600.00	42%
Pastoral Support	\$ 32,480.04	92,100.00	35%
Program Staff	\$ 35,292.72	93,266.00	38%
Operations	\$ <u>21,328.76</u>	<u>51,100.00</u>	42%
Total	\$ 95,580.58	287,766.00	33%

A Note from Finance Committee Chairman, Wayne Bue . . .

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to send their contributions to the church by mail, by dropping them off at the office, and also to those who give by using electronic transfer of funds. These contributions have been a great help in keeping us current on our expenses. We were able to receive a PPP Loan through the government, which helped to cover full-time salaries and utility costs for 8 weeks. We have made one apportionment payment so far, and hope to be able to pay another one yet this summer.

Our church's Auditing Committee was able to complete the audit of all the church's accounts on June 30 following safe social distancing. The audit had been cancelled in March due to the pandemic. All accounts and accounting procedures were determined to be correct, procedures proper, and records properly kept. After the audit is completed, the report of the Auditing Committee is sent to the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference Office in Sun Prairie and kept on file there.

RADIO BROADCASTS

- JUNE 7 In honor of Ed & Vione Brauner for their 67th Wedding Anniversary on June 1, sponsored by Daniel & Jocelyn Brauner
- JUNE 14 Sponsored by Pastor Wendell & Sue Williams
- JUNE 21 In memory of Jeannine Uhrig, who passed away 5 years ago on June 18, 2015, sponsored by Bob Uhrig



HOLY BAPTISM

June 14, 2020

Camilla Cay Wescott
daughter of Angela Gomer & Andrew Wescott



Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the following members of our church family who passed away recently:

Loretta Charneski
May 27, 2020

Thyra Zirk
June 28 2020

Iris Holder
July 3, 2020



Memorials & Gifts

PRAYER GROUP FUND

In Memory Of:

Loretta Charneski from John & Theresa Paul, Jim & Carol Hornby, and Louis Shaw

CHURCH LIBRARY FUND

In Memory Of:

Loretta Charneski from Carol Anderson.
Iris Holder from Carol Anderson, Dorothy Backer, and Jim & Carol Hornby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

In Memory Of

Jim Huber (Ashley Huber's father) from Louis Shaw.

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In Memory Of

Loretta Charneski from Mary Van Gorden
Thyra Zirk from Marlene Taylor and Nyla Musser.
Iris Holder from Nyla Musser.

SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE FUND

In Memory Of:

Margaret Davis Peterson from Jean Lovlien.

During this time of COVID-19 quarantine, many have been tuning in to watch our worship services on Facebook live each week. We want to thank Wayne Bue for his dedication in using his own cell phone and data to make Facebook Live happen each week. We have seen the comments and number of views on Facebook, so we know people like being able to join in worship this way.



We would like to be able to continue to offer Facebook Live every week. In order to do that we will need to upgrade our sound system and video capabilities. We have started a **SOUND SYSTEM FUND** and would welcome any contributions or memorial gifts that would help with the cost of this upgrade. Your help would be appreciated.





All Sunday School families should have received an email with the **Summer Fam Jam** registration form, an alternative to 2020 Vacation Bible School. If you did NOT receive it, please call, email, or text Beth. Summer Fam Jam will be held Monday, August 24 through Wednesday, August 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with 6 different time slots. Each time slot will consist of at least 1 adult with up to 9 kiddos. The family crew could be 1 family or could be 2 families, depending on the number of people.

As we follow CDC guidelines, there will NOT be more than 15 people at one time. RSVP is a must this year as we have limited time slots available. Please RSVP by August 17. Rotations will be similar: Bible story, art, games, and puppets. Those who register should bring a blanket to sit on and their own water bottles.

Prayers are appreciated as we prepare for the 2020/2021 Sunday School year. Watch for more info soon.

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

AUG 12	Sophia Smetana
AUG 25	Hunter Jessen
AUG 26	Hunter Nimmo
AUG 28	Kammeron Kapfer

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who is working through medical issues at home, please call the church office so that the Pastor is aware of the need and can respond accordingly.



If you know of an individual or family that is working through health issues, hospitalization, or some other crisis and could benefit from the gift of a meal, please call the church office and Jill will pass the information to our Caring Meal Crew.

On This Day written by Morgan, Robert.

August 1

The Protestant Passover

We can't blame churchmen in England for agonizing every time a new monarch was crowned, for the religious persuasion of the kings determined who would be burned. Anxiety continued even in the days of Isaac Watts and his fellow pastor, Thomas Bradbury. During their day, Queen Anne and the parliament passed the "Schism Bill," to take effect August 1, 1714. Many predicted it would reestablish Catholicism in England "with mighty gust," and that Baptists and other Dissenters would again be racked and burned. A terrible storm gathered, and even the stalwart Bradbury grew anxious.

In the early hours of August 1, Bishop Burnet was passing through Smithfield in London where martyrs of previous eras had died. Seeing Bradbury there, he asked, "Why are you so buried in thought, Mr. Bradbury?"

"I have been wondering, bishop," replied Bradbury, "whether I shall have the resolution of that noble army of martyrs whose ashes are deposited in this place. Similar times of persecution are at hand, and I shall be called to suffer."

"Then you have not heard the news! The queen is seriously ill. I am on my way to obtain the latest particulars. I will dispatch a messenger with the earliest intelligence of her death. If you are in the pulpit when he arrives he will drop a handkerchief from the gallery."

Later that morning Bradbury ascended his pulpit, and in the middle of his sermon a handkerchief fluttered from the gallery. For weeks he had lived in suspense. Now the news descended with the handkerchief: Anne is dead; the Schism bill, lost; the danger, past. His blood surged, but he continued his sermon without pause. Only in his concluding prayer did he reveal to his stunned congregation that God had "delivered these kingdoms from evil counsels." He prayed for "His Majesty, King George," then quoted Psalm 89.

For years, Dissenters regarded August 1, 1714 as a day of deliverance, the "Protestant Passover." And the commemoration continues every time we sing the anthem Watts wrote on that occasion: O God Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come.

Our Lord, I will sing of your love forever.

Everyone yet to be born

Will hear me praise your faithfulness.

I will tell them, "God's love can always be trusted,
And his faithfulness lasts as long as the heavens."

Psalm 89:1,2



We are excited that we will be gathering together again soon. Our weekly youth meetings will begin September 9th. I will be sending letters out. More details will be in next months newsletter and on our Facebook page as well. Prayers continue that everyone has been safe and well while we have been apart.

Suzanne Goldsmith
Youth Director



PRAYER FAMILIES FOR AUGUST

AUG 2	Peter & Jone Hoffman Gene & Janet Krohn Irma McNeely Donna Overlien
AUG 9	Judy Sheppard Larry & Cathy Whaley Darrin & Anne Boehm Family Wade & Candy Christianson Family
AUG 16	Sue Gaede Judy Hansen Don & Lori Holcomb Bob & Sally Laubach
AUG 23	Chelsey Meinking Jerry & Lynn Overman Vivian Simons & Lucas McNulty Leroy & Sarah Wiersma
AUG 30	Harley & Kathie Boehm Joe & Margery Collins Mike & LuAnn Gaede Denise Hansen

Get to Know Our New Pastor, Inwha Shon and his wife, Esther.

Biographical Sketch

1. Born into a Methodist pastor's family in CheonAn City, South Korea February 20, 1966.
2. Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea 1984-1988. BA.
3. Graduate School of Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea. 1988-1991 MA.
4. Pastor at Youth Center, Wonju City, Korea. 1989-1992.
5. Ordained from the Dongbu Conference, Korean Methodist Church 1992.
6. Military Chaplain in Korean Army 1992-1998.
7. Associated Pastor in two large churches, Seoul, Korea. 1999-2002.
8. United Theological Seminary, Dayton OH 2002-2009. M. Div. and MASM.
9. Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL 2019- D. Min.
10. Pastor at Youngstown Korean United Methodist Church 2008-2012.
11. Interim Pastor at Savannah Korean United Methodist Church 2013.
12. Pastor at Clarno Zion/Staver St. Peter's United Methodist Churches, Monroe, WI 2013-2020.

Personal History

1. Married Esther Eunhee Lee October 30, 1993.
2. Daughter Sarah Hanbit born October 20, 1994, son David Hansol born March 21, 1997.
3. Goal in Ministry: Learned Congregation and Missional Church.
4. Passion: Interest in personally and communally spiritual growth
5. Talents: Athletic. Learning playing a guitar.
6. Trained at a Mission Organization "Youth With A Mission" in 2001.
7. Chairperson of Korean Caucus.
8. Member of Board of Ordained Ministry, the Foundation of the Wisconsin Conference, the Committee of Dongbu Conference Relations, and of the Superintendency Committee of the South West District.

TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR LIVE WORSHIP SERVICES AT BRF UMC:

- ◆ Please respect the safety of others in our church family. If you have a fever, body aches, or persistent cough, please stay at home and worship either by listening to WWIS Radio 99.7 FM or on Facebook Live.
- ◆ Everyone must enter the church at the main entrance on 4th Street on Sunday mornings. All other entrances will be closed.
- ◆ Ushers will greet everyone at the door and seat you or your family group in the sanctuary, starting in the front. Safe distancing will be observed so that people/families will be able to stay safely 6 feet apart. When the service is concluded, ushers will guide worshippers out of the building through the main entrance, starting at the back of the sanctuary. (If you must exit while others are entering the main door, or enter while others are exiting the main door, we ask that the side door by the coffee fellowship area be used).
- ◆ Everyone age 5 and older will be required to wear a mask while they are in the church building. In an effort to save the church expense, please bring and wear your own mask.
- ◆ Everyone will be asked to use hand sanitizer that will be provided when you enter the building. Hand shaking and hugging others is discouraged.
- ◆ The Nursery will be closed. Children should remain with their parents.
- ◆ Offering Baskets will be available at the door for your offering. Offering plates will not be passed.
- ◆ Coffee Fellowship time will not be available until the threat of COVID-19 is reduced.
- ◆ We look forward to being able to return to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you so much for your cooperation during this difficult time.

**BRF UMC
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS
AUGUST 2020**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service

10:00 a.m.—Meet & Greet New Pastor

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

5:30—Ad Council Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service

10:00 a.m.—Meet & Greet New Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service

10:00 a.m.—Meet & Greet New Pastor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service

10:00 a.m.—Meet & Greet New Pastor

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

5:30-8:30 p.m.—Summer Fam Jam

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

5:30-8:30 p.m.—Summer Fam Jam

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:30-8:30 p.m.—Summer Fam Jam

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service

10:00 a.m.—Meet & Greet New Pastor

