

40-Day Prayer Challenge

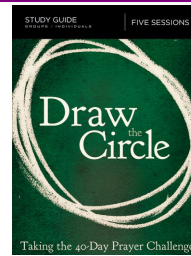
During Lent, 7:14 am

Have your prayers become stagnant? Do you long to see God move in fresh ways? Are you ready to move to new places in your walk with God? If so, it's time to take the 40-day prayer challenge and press into God like never before. Contact the office or the pastor for a book. \$10.

Study on Draw the Circle

5 Thursdays in Lent, 10 am

In this five-session video study, the author reveals how taking up this prayer challenge will not only change the way you pray today but also dramatically impact the rest of your life. You will witness the miraculous results in your life, church, community, and world that only God can bring. \$10. **Feb. 15, 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21.**



Bible Study in Lent

Wednesday, 6 pm

Discovering how Jesus transforms and heals us through **altars!**

Altars have always represented change. They are the places where sacred space meets our surrender and leads into authentic spiritual transformation. From the beginning of time, God's people have built altars to mark the places where God spoke, gave direction, or gave his blessing. It is the place where God's people surrendered offerings to him in obedience. A book, \$10.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 4	SPRC Training	3-6 pm
Mon	Feb. 5	Trustees United Women in Faith	5:00 pm 5:30 pm
Wed	Feb. 6	Wednesday Connections Youth Confirmation Class	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Sun	Feb. 11	Dinner Church Team	10:30 am
Tue	Feb. 13	Worship Committee	5:30 pm
Thu	Feb. 15	Ad Council	5:30 pm

MISSION OUTREACH

The start date for "**Dinner Church**" will be early March. It is a gathering of people from our church and community to share food and fellowship.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area. A coordinator is needed to help organize volunteers for Dinner Church. Computer knowledge is helpful. If interested, contact Marcia Hagen or **Charlene Galston** for further information about this.



Youth Group

Meets every Wednesday at 5 pm for dinner and youth group at 6 pm.

Join us for **Quake Youth Gathering**, Feb. 16-18 at Wisconsin Dells and **Wesley Heritage Confirmation Retreat**, March 1-2, at Camp Lake Lucern, WI. Contact Suzanne Goldsmith.



Leadership Gathering

Sat. March 9th. 4-6 pm

You're welcome to Leadership Gathering to envision our future.



Fresh Expressions UMC

National Gathering



Feb. 7-9, Charlotte, NC The First National Gathering of Fresh Expressions United Methodist. It's time for United Methodists to come together in fellowship to reawaken through time of learning, experience, and worship. Marcia Hagen, Charlene Galston, Esther and Pastor Shon will be attending. Pray for them.

Wednesday Connections

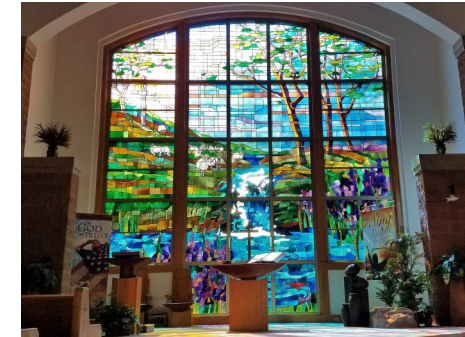
You are invited to Wednesday Connections at 5 pm. Meal will be served by **Youth Group**.



Ushers: Roxie Hostrawser and Carol Anderson

Fellowship: Zenz Family

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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* Indicates, please stand if able.

Liturgist: Tom Epps

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 40, Psalm 147)

Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

P: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

P: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

***OPENING PRAYER (Isaiah 40, Psalm 147)**

Everlasting God, you stretch the sky over our heads like a canopy filled with twinkling lights. Scarcely do the stems of our lives take root before the wind carries us away like stubble. Yet you care for us-healing the brokenhearted, gathering the outcast, lifting the downtrodden, while casting the wicked to the ground. Renew our strength this day, O God, that we may mount up with wings like eagles. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #178

Hope of the World

CHILDREN'S TIME Tom Epps

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of your

praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 111)

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 111)

This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us. Let us take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to action we will make this week.

UMH #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*HYMN OF PRAISE TFWs #2170

God Made from One Blood

SERMON Rev. Shon

Are you concerning for other's needs?

COMMUNION UMH #12-15

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer