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**THE BLACK RIVER FALLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

Mission Statement:

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

REV. INWHA SHON, PASTOR

Pianist	Matthew Schluntz
Music Director	Amanda Lang
Youth Director	Suzanne Goldsmith

Worship Service: 9:00 am

Sunday School: 9:15 am

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9 am to 2 pm

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We are also on Facebook and YouTube!



Brothers and Sisters in Christ at BRF,

Peace and grace be with you all. I appreciate that you showed me a great love and grace that Esther and I had a chance to visit our family members in Korea last few weeks in April and May. It's been five years since we have been there.

As you might know, it's been hard to travel to anywhere due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. It's released and relaxed when we were in Korea and met friends and families.

I first visited parents of Esther to greet and to see if they are doing fine and visited a charnel house in a town where I grew up to see my parents who are already gone to heaven a long time ago. And I visited my oldest brother lying at the national cemetery who accidentally passed away during his army duty when he was early twenties.

I met many friends who had studied together at a seminary and a high school and in ministry areas. Although we don't see one another very often, we felt intimacy to talk each other for a long time without reservation, awkwardness, and tentativeness. One of the ancient oriental philosophers said, "Is it not delightful to have friends coming from distant quarters?" I cannot help admit I am a human being who needs affection and close relationship. I know the corona pandemic have kept us from our close relationship and social activities. That is why most people now go outside and go on vacation abroad and camping so that they can get compensation for loneliness, disconnectedness, fatigue, and once lost freedom. I have been also uplifted by that emotions for a while.

As an ancient philosopher said, "Man is by nature a social animal." We need a close and sound fellowship to strengthen our life physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

As we are members of God's family, we need each other to support our lives, communities, and society. When we are united in the love of God and the Holy Spirit, I believe our spirituality grows deeply. Besides, if we remember Jesus' sacrificial love for us, our hearts will be exalted and uplifted. Nothing can compare with His unconditional love.

In remembering those fallen soldiers who fought for our nation and freedom, I honor and appreciate their sacrifice. Without their love and commitment, I doubt we could live a life safely and enjoy freedom now.

John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

In Christ's love,
Pastor Inwha Shon

What Happened on This Day in the History of Christianity?

Wireless Witness

June 4



Invisible beams of evangelism flash day and night across sky and sea, penetrating nations and hearts where missionaries cannot go. Such are the shortwave ministries of ventures like HCJB, Trans World Radio, and Far East Broadcasting Company.

The FEBC began in 1945 when three Christians pooled their resources and formed a nonprofit corporation to broadcast the gospel through the Orient. One of the men, John Broger, set out for Shanghai searching for a spot for a transmitter. He sailed to Manila to explore the possibility of locating the transmitter in the Philippines.

While completing paperwork for the Philippine government, Broger requested permission for 10,000 watts. Imagine his thrill when officials marked out the amount and wrote: “Unlimited Power.”

But the Philippine government insisted the station go on the air by June 4 or not at all. Meanwhile in the U.S., the founders frantically tried to raise funds as bills came due. One delay after another tore at the project, but government officials refused to extend the timetable. Nail-biting difficulties arose, and three days before the deadline, transmission problems developed. When June 4 dawned, high-voltage wires crisscrossed the station and workers stepped through ankle-deep water from heavy rains. Broger rushed downtown to make a final plea for an extension. He was refused.

He had no choice but to rush back through cart-congested streets, weaving through traffic jams, racing against the clock. He came to a screeching halt in front of the station, rushed in and shouted, “We’ll test on the air.” The switch was flipped, the transmitters hummed with power, and the winded staff began singing All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.

It was 6 p.m., June 4, 1948, and FEBC was on the air. Almost immediately reports arrived of barbers, atheists, thieves, housewives, and teenagers being saved. Today FEBC is still on the air, serving every country in Asia with local and/or international services in more than 150 languages.

“Praise God! He can make you strong by means of my good news, which is the message about Jesus Christ. For ages and ages this message was kept secret, but now at last it has been told.... And now, because of Jesus Christ, we can praise the only wise God forever! Amen.”

- Romans 16:25, 27





Black River Falls United Methodist Church JUNE 2023 newsletter
Mission Outreach committee

For those of you that may be concerned about our response to disasters please be aware that our church participates in UMCOR Sunday where donations are collected and forwarded to UMCOR for their use in disaster relief. Though this may not seem timely as a disaster may not have occurred or it was several weeks ago, please know that your donation is ready and waiting for the next cause. You can donate directly anytime on the UMCOR web site. Visit umcmmission.org for more information.

Our Knit for Kids project wrapped up April 30. It's not too late if you would still like to turn in items. Pastor Inwha will bless everything during the June 25th service. After that they will be boxed and sent to world vision. I want to thank everyone that has been working hard to help us surpass our goal. Many children will be warm on cold days thanks to you. Please don't let the conclusion of our focus on Knit for Kids prevent you from continuing to work on projects. Just set them aside for when we start up again in full swing in the Fall. Yarn donations are desperately needed so if you are spring cleaning or see some on garage sales think of us.

Pastor is asking again for prayer shawls to give to shut in or for special visits. Patterns are available in the Wesley room by our yarn. Help yourself. If you would like more information please contact me.

No new sewing dates have been set yet for either Patricia Project or quilt making, Keep posted for a new date and time.

Be watching the United Methodist Church website for other volunteer opportunities through the UMC Volunteers in Mission Program. Volunteers are still needed to help get the camps ready for summer campers.

The next meeting of the Mission outreach committee July 2 at 1030

Submitted by Charlene Galston
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YOUTH MINISTRIES

The youth group will not have regular weekly meetings this summer, but will have a few special events.

Watch your mail and Facebook for details on these gatherings along with a summer scavenger hunt with great prizes for the participants.

Suzanne Goldsmith

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Website: www.BRFUMC.org



Seeking Applicants for Children's Ministry Coordinator

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

We are blessed to have younger families with children in our church. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is looking for a person to lead the of Children's Ministry.

This rewarding 5-10 hour/week opportunity for someone with love and enthusiasm for helping children learn about the Bible, God's unending love and grace, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The coordinator works closely with the Children and Youth Activities Committee to select curriculum for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School (VBS). Additionally, they will help to recruit teachers for Sunday School (grade 4K – 5th grade) as well as coordinate and oversee VBS. Other responsibilities for this paid position, include the ability to evaluate the need for additional programs to support our families and children and work with our music coordinator to provide music for Church School.



If you, or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Carol Hornby at 715-896-7684 or chornby@centurytel.net

Katrina McGillivray, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

From your BRF UMC Finance Committee:

This June 2023 Update this will give you the status of Church finances through the first four months of 2023.

We started out the year with a balance in our general fund account of.....\$22,687.63

We have had income over the first 4 months of.....\$59,774.80

We have had expenses over the first 4 months of.....\$54,856.14

Balance in our general fund account as of 04/30/2023 was.....\$25,777.74

We are maintaining expenses versus income for the first four months of 2023 as you can see

We still have a segregated "Building Fund" Account locally of\$7961.23

We do not use this building fund account without request from Trustees. This is an account that we maintain, should a future Capital Project be taken on in the future.

We hold an account at the WI Methodist Foundation. The current balance on that account is \$138,422.92. This was money that we had following the sale of "Our Church Parsonage" some years ago. WI Methodist Foundation invests this money for us. We can only use this money to either buy a new parsonage or assist in paying a housing allowance to our Pastor. We use a small percentage of this money each month to help fund the Housing Allowance we pay to our Pastor.

We did not have a Finance Committee Meeting in April. We held a Finance Committee meeting 05/15/2023. At that time we discussed current financial situation. We are in good shape through 4 months. It was recommended and approved that we pay \$3500.00 towards our apportionments for 2023. We had not made any payments up until now. We have a better handle on what our accountant needs to get us the monthly reports by the 10th of each month. This should help us to have more timely Finance meetings in 2023. Adam Bantell will be on vacation with his family for the month of June. Howard G will be taking Adam's place to count and input donations.

We ask that you continue your pledges and offerings so we can continue to serve our Church members and our community.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Howard Gomer - Chairperson





Do you know that people still listen to the radio? We do not know how many lives we touch with our weekly worship service on WWIS Radio, but we know our reach goes all the way to Washington state where one person communicated their thanks for a meaningful service heard on I heart Radio. You have an opportunity to give to this ministry. We invite you to sponsor a Sunday broadcast.

First come, first serve! You can sponsor a week in the name of someone or for a special event. Each week is \$100.

If you are interested, please let Kathryn know in the church office or brfumc@gmail.com.



During the month of May, the Scrip Card program transferred \$1,000 of profits to the church's general fund. This makes a total of \$24,000 given to the church in the twelve years we have been doing this program. Some years we give more and some less. It all depends on church members purchasing cards for gifts or personal use. Two new cards have been added to our inventory recently; Burger King and Dunkin. These two go along with ten other different places in town where you can make purchases to help us raise funds. They are cards for Ace Hardware (Scholze), Kwik Trip, Wal-Mart, Hardees, Revolutions, Culvers, Arby's, Perkins, Subway, and Hansen's. So, maybe buy a variety of cards to keep on hand so that when a craving hits, you can help the church while satisfying your craving. If you need or want to purchase a card other than on a Sunday morning, give me, Marcia, a call at 715-284-3346 and I will try to help.



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to UWF Members and Friends,

Heading into summer gives us time to enjoy family, friends and our communities. In our visits and conversations with those near and far, we often hear about wonderful projects and missions that others are participating in. It can give our UWF ideas and possibly introduce us to new partnerships, as well. We are looking forward to what the second half of our program year brings.

Now for some UWF activities coming up this summer:

Monday, June 5: join us for our Potluck and Program to be held at the BR Area Chamber of Commerce meeting room. The time is 5:30pm.

We will also be handing out the No-Bake Bake Sale information for those attending. A mailing will follow for those who are not able to be with us on June 5.

June 22 (Tu), 24 (Th), 27 (Tu), 29 (Th) Zoom on the program: Living the Good News-Reflecting God's Love

July 13-15: Mission u will be held in person in Mauston. If interested in registration information for Mission u, contact Luane Meyer.

Mission us is an educational program of spiritual growth based on speakers, readings, devotions, and small group discussion for all of those attending.

Looking ahead: Monday, September 11 we will have our Kick-Off to Fall Meeting at the Lunda Park

Faith --- In our heart and in our soul, we are a faith-driven organization. Our beliefs bring us together. And our spirituality pushes us to do more. Join us to boldly live your faith and connect to something bigger. response the magazine of women in mission May/June 2023

Go Forward with God's Blessing,

Luane Meyer





June 1	Jean Anderson
June 6	Barbara Hagenbrock
	Abigayle Rave
June 7	Janet Krohn
June 9	Debra Ward
June 15	Evangeline Stender
June 18	David McCullough
June 19	Michael Gaede
	Sherry Olson
June 22	James Holt
	Patrick Moe
June 25	Marsha Harmer
	Randy Bjerke
	Anthony Holder
June 28	Peter Hoffman
	Linda Atkinson
June 29	Jack Bailry , Jr.
June 30	Richard Goldsmith



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June 1	Edward & Vione Brauner
June 4	Dan & Mary Jelnik
June 5	David & Marilyn Hoffman
June 7	Darrell & Cathy Armbruster
June 11	Steven & Patty Harelson
June 13	Lawrence & Karen Pennekamp
June 14	Todd & Lyn Gates
June 17	Eugene & Janet Krohn
	David & Linda McCullough
June 18	David & Sherry Olson
June 19	Peter & Jone Hoffman
June 21	Timothy & Mary McCann
June 22	Michael & Dana Rave
June 23	Jeremy & Jana Nandory
June 24	Robert & Clarice Rush



JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Worship 9am Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 9am	12	13 Ad Council 5:30pm	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9am	19 Finance Committee 5:30pm	20 Worship Committee 5:30pm	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9am	26	27 Farmer's Market BOD 6pm	28	29	30	