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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

Worship Service: 9:00 am

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 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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We are also on Facebook and YouTube!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at BRF,

Peace and grace be with you all.

Fall is upon us. It seems as though autumn arrived with a vengeance over a few weeks. The rains poured out unusually more than over the summer, the temperature dropped and leaves now look more red and gold than green. The Autumn equinox has just passed last Saturday, the 23rd. This transition time is a busy season with much to ponder as we navigate the transitions. Farmers are so busy harvesting their crops from the fields where they worked hard and sweated during the seasons of spring and summer.

Just as the field is waiting for workers to harvest, so the world awaits us to save them. It is a time of harvest. In other words, it is a time of spiritual audit. God planted seeds of God's life in my heart and now harvest the crops. "What does it mean for me to grow into the likeness of God?" As I reflect on the changes that autumn brings I also find myself asking "What do I need to let go of, what do I need to harvest and what do I need to plant in order to continue growing into the likeness of God?"

I believe we need to plant the seed of prayer right now. So let us see how God might work among us this season. As you might notice, we are surrounded both inwardly and outwardly by many difficult situations. I believe we cannot do anything without God. That is why we come to church for God's help. Otherwise, we don't need to become Christians. It is only God who can save us from any issues.

Often it seems that prayer is one of the more difficult practices for many believers. But we need to remember that prayer is one of the most important actions we will ever take. Ephesians 6:18 says, "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." When we pray together incredible things begin to happen. We take our problems and battles to a new level when we pray. So when we learn to pray, our faith community will enter into a new and more exciting relationship with God.

When we pray together, we learn how to pray (*Acts 2:42, "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer"*), we win the fight (*Acts 4:24, 31, "When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: ... 31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness"*), and we experience God's presence (*Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them"*).

I am looking forward to seeing God's miraculous transformation through "Dynamite Prayer". I invite you all to participate in this "Dynamite Prayer Experiment" for 28 days. I am confident that we all see the difference.

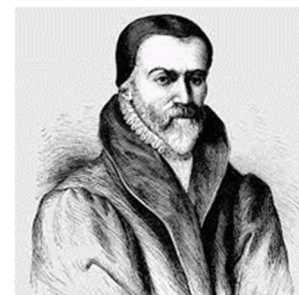
In Christ's love,
Pastor Rev. Inwha Shon



What Happened on This Day in the History of Christianity?

Pre-answers to Prayer

October 4



Occasionally God answers our prayers before we offer them. William Tyndale put his life at risk when he decided to translate the Bible into the English language during the days of King Henry VIII. The church and government opposed him, but he told one clergyman, “If God spare my life, I will cause the boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture than thou dost.” On October 6, 1536 he was burned at the stake for his efforts. His last words were, “Lord, open the King of England’s eyes.”

He perished without knowing the Lord had already answered his prayer—one year earlier, almost to the very day. The answer?

Miles Coverdale. Born in 1488, Coverdale came under the influence of Robert Barnes at Cambridge who discussed ideas “out of Germany” with him. When Coverdale picked up the Bible and began reading it for himself, he fell in love with it. “Now I begyne to taste of Holy Schryptures; now (honour be to God) I am sett to the most swete smell with the godly savour of holy and awncyent Doctoures.”



Soon he began preaching an evangelical message. It proved impossible for him in England, so he fled to the Continent where he spent seven years translating the Bible from Latin into English for his own people. It was published in 1535, the first complete edition of the Bible in English. He wisely dedicated it to King Henry VIII, who, being flattered, allowed it to become the first English rendering of Scripture to circulate without official hindrance—thus answering Tyndale’s prayer one year in advance.

In his preface Coverdale said he had not coveted the task of translating Scripture, but “it greued (grieved) me yt other nacyons shulde be more plentously prouyded (provided) with ye scripture in theyr mother tongue than we....”

Coverdale became rector of St. Magnus Church near London Bridge, and visitors today can read a memorial plaque on the east wall of the church: *... he spent many years of his life preparing a translation of the Scriptures. On the 4th of October, 1535, the first complete printed English version of the Bible was published under his direction.*

**“I will answer their prayers before they finish praying”.
- Isaiah 65:24**



Morgan, Robert J., *On This Day*



Pastoring is Weird

Joshua Reyes

Pastoring is weird. I've poured my heart and soul into people who now act like I don't exist. I've done hours of counseling and deliverance with people who later deleted me. I've publicly honored people who chose to slander me and act like I was a villain. And then there's people I rarely have conversations with that honor and respect me to the highest degree. Some leaders have washed my feet while others have thrown dirt on my name.

Pastoring is weird. I'm too much for some, yet too little for others. The same preaching that convicts one person angers another. The same sermon that was boring to one was massively impactful to another. Praised for being so loving and graceful, yet slandered for being too loving and graceful in certain situations.

Pastoring is weird. We're accused of just wanting money, yet we're also expected to live in humble poverty like a lowly shepherd. If you have nice things, then you're greedy and materialistic. If you don't have nice things, then you must be in rebellion since God isn't blessing you. People are always asking us for our personal time, money, and resources. Yet when we set healthy boundaries to care for our mental health and our families, we're considered selfish.

Pastoring is weird. Everything you say and do can and will be used against you by anyone disgruntled, annoyed, petty, or even just bored. Every mistake is broadcasted as proof that you're unqualified, yet victories seem less talked about because they're expected. Your personal life, hobbies, interests, friendships, relationships, ministry alignments, and family are under a constant microscope and being monitored by people searching for faults and failures.

Pastoring is weird. You give everything you have and somehow still feel like you didn't give enough. You never meet certain people's expectations. You didn't do enough according to someone's opinion. And there's always someone confident they could do a better job, yet all they do is criticize from the sidelines.

Pastoring is weird. You try your best to protect the sheep from wolves and somehow in the process you end up accused of being a wolf yourself. Sometimes other shepherds who don't even know you spread lies about you and your flock.

Pastoring is weird... and yet there's so much fulfillment in precious moments. The feeling you get when someone gives their life to Christ is beautiful. When you marry a couple who met at your church, bring restoration to a broken family, or dedicate a child that mom and dad prayed hard for makes everything else worth it. When you're asked for by name to be with someone in their last moments. When you're the first person they seek when they need hope. When the healing comes. When the deliverance comes. When the breakthrough comes. When someone who thought they had no purpose gets discipled and preaches their first sermon. When the glory of the Lord fills the room and the congregation goes wild without restraint in His presence. Nothing compares to this.



Pastoring is weird. It's challenging, heartbreaking, and can be discouraging, but it's also fulfilling, inspiring, and awesomely life-changing. I don't have to do this, I GET to do this. Pastoring is not for the faint of heart. It can be brutal, but it can also be beautiful. Pastoring is weird, but I guess I'm weird too.

(Ps. Pray for your pastors and leaders! Statistics show that almost 20% of pastors battle depression and 85% of seminary graduates to enter ministry will leave ministry within the first 5 years. Preaching is only part of the job, we are at war behind the scenes, please war for us and with us.)



8 Things I'd Love to Receive for Pastor Appreciation Month

Chuck Lawless

Each year, I post on my personal site a list of possible ways to show your pastor gratitude during October (Pastor Appreciation month). Even with that list in mind, here are some things I would love to receive from members if I were pastoring again:

- 1. Regular, intentional prayer.** In our Church Answers' *Know Your Church* report, our surveys over the years have indicated that many church members do *not* pray regularly for their pastors. We very much need and appreciate the prayers of God's people, though.
- 2. Sacrificial service.** We call church members to serve God through the church, but it still remains the case that a few people do most of the work. Even one member who was to say to me, "Pastor, I'm stepping up to the plate to serve," would make my day.
- 3. Listening ears.** Here, I'm thinking about the preaching event. I know it's not always easy to pay attention (I struggle with it, too, when I'm listening), but it really is exciting when you sense from the pulpit that members are tuned in to the Word.
- 4. Honest, helpful, face-to-face critique.** My point with this request is simple: I don't mind critique that helps me grow as a preacher and pastor; what I struggle with is critique that is uninformed, unkind, and sometimes unspoken (unspoken to me, that is, but not to others in the church). If you have concerns, give me the gift of speaking the truth in love.
- 5. Global passion.** The Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 demands that we make disciples of all the nations, yet 4 billion+ people still have little access to the gospel. Tell me (and show me) that the Lord has grabbed your heart for the nations, though, and I'll rejoice. I want us to send our best to the nations.
- 6. Humble patience.** I'm not perfect—and neither is any other pastor I know. We all make mistakes, and we don't always lead in the best way. To be honest, I still realize the need for more growth even at this stage of my ministry. Your ongoing patience, coupled with loving, godly critique when needed, is encouraging.
- 7. Recorded testimonies.** If you really want to bless me, record in 2-3 minutes the testimony of your conversion and send it to me. I don't want to miss the stories of God's work among the people He has placed in His local body.
- 8. Evangelistic, outwardly-focused fervor.** You may be aware of Church Answers' *The Hope Initiative*—a simple strategy to turn a church outward a few people at a time. One of my joys is communicating with Hope Initiative pastors overwhelmed by the growing zeal of their members to reach their community. Our hearts leap when God's people get the Great Commission vision.

Coming this Fall 2023 for everyone in our church

Dynamite Prayer: A 28-Day Experiment!

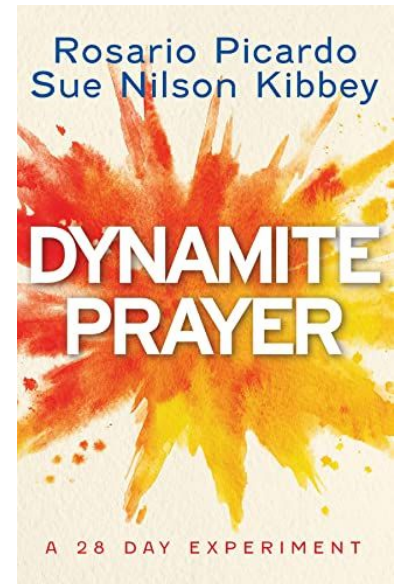
Do you ever feel **stuck** in your own prayers?

Does our church sometimes seem uncertain how to move forward or what to do next?

As though God and we are struggling to get on the same page?

Maybe some of us are wondering or concerned about what God has next for our congregation—?

Ten months ago, Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey wrote a powerful resource (published by Invite Resources) that has already become a bestseller. It's titled ***Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment.***



Dynamite Prayer is a simple 28-day devotional/prayer guidebook that can **transform the way each of us spends time with God and with others in prayer.**

*What might God do if our entire congregation, each of us, took the daily **Dynamite Prayer 28-Day Experiment** at the same time this fall?*

According to hundreds of other congregations across the country, **our prayer lives will likely explode** in less than a month with *Dynamite Prayer*—and we'll experience the forward, hope-filled momentum towards a new future that we've been hoping for—when everyone, all of us join in the 28-day experiment **together!**

Dynamite Prayer will show us how (and guide us each) to begin the simple daily practice of “**breakthrough prayer**,” an additional aspect of prayer where we ask God to open unexpected new doors and reveal new possibilities, fueled by the Spirit's power. This 28-day adventure has the potential to take us from feeling stagnated, overwhelmed, and uninspired to eager and expectant as each of us (and our church) surrenders our own preferences and ideas and courageously **follows the miraculous new directions** God will unfold.

You're invited to join in our church's 28-day prayer experiment!

It's a short, simple new way to pray each day that anyone can do. If you really believe prayer makes a difference, let's all try it — and see what new, fresh possibilities for us God brings and how God responds!

Pick up a copy of the *Dynamite Prayer: a 28-Day Experiment* for yourself from the church office before we begin on **Sunday, October 8th**, so you will be ready. And watch for more information soon about our start date!

A \$10 donation is suggested to help cover some of the costs of the book, but a donation is not required. Don't money stand in the way of you being involved. Thanks.

What Is Breakthrough Prayer?

Sue Nilson-Kibbey

If you are seeking to follow Christ—like I am—it's crucial to prioritize time for intentional learning from and listening to the voice of God's Spirit for guidance.

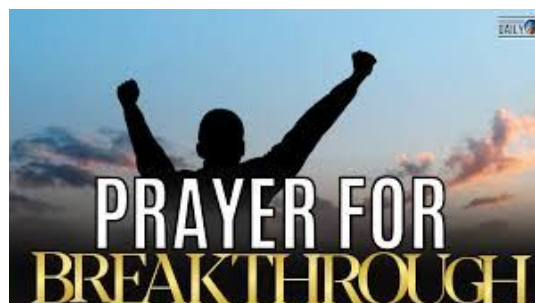
If you don't, you and I will only be guessing on our own about the best route to take through each day, and which decisions and choices might accomplish God's purposes in and through you. And likely we will miss living into all the fullness God has for us that is available through the *dunamis*—the resurrection power of God's Spirit—that opens new doors of miraculous possibilities in the potential of any and every moment.

Many faithful Christians do develop the habits of regularly spending time reading the Bible and reflecting on scripture's life applications to live out. And most do ask God through prayer to heal, to comfort, to protect, to provide and to bless loved ones and themselves. However, if you and I long to become part of God's *dunamis* in the world, to live into all the richness of God's intentions for us, we don't want let our prayers stop there!

Everything shifts when we include one more additive component in our recurrent prayer practice through each day. I call it a breakthrough prayer, simply asking for God's new possibilities to break through, inviting God the Almighty to open new doors...and along with it, your commitment that you'll surrender all you are now to make room for all God longs to unfold. Then notice the new eyes and ears of discernment you'll gain as you're truly led forward on the open road of faith. This has changed everything—and I do mean everything! — for me.

Prayer hack...Does the idea of a quick and handy means by which to add such breakthrough prayer to your daily prayer habits appeal to you? Consider an even shorter targeted breakthrough prayer version that I've nicknamed a **prayer-hold**, a prayer style also practiced throughout our historic Christian faith. A prayer-hold is a short phrase or word from a scripture verse you can utilize for frequent prayer use throughout the day. Every hour (or whenever you become aware that you are feeling inadequate, uncertain, or tempted to slide off track spiritually) you can simply pray the day's short prayer-hold. This helps you refocus and realign your spiritual eyes back again on discerning and following the Spirit's activity and guidance.

I'm so passionate about this added dimension of breakthrough prayer that it fueled me to write, along with my friend Rosario Picardo, a 28-day guidebook to help you take the step of a 28-day experiment with this. Discover what the *dunamis*, or dynamite of God's Spirit can break through and open next for you in your adventure of faith!





Mission Outreach Committee Report

Our committee's primary focus is getting dinner church up and going. We are making progress getting the teams organized and everything set to start after the new year. We are still needing families or other committees to sign up to do meals for our **Wednesday Connections**. Please talk with Pastor Shon if you can bring a meal.

Looking for other ways that you can serve others? The Wisconsin Conference Volunteers in Mission (VIM) website [Volunteers in Mission - Wisconsin Conference of the UMC \(wisconsinumc.org\)](http://Volunteers in Mission - Wisconsin Conference of the UMC (wisconsinumc.org)) lists several opportunities some of which are nearby. I would encourage you to check out the web site for more information or the mission outreach web site for a full listing. If you prefer to remain local, check with the pastor as to whom might benefit from a friendly visit or phone call. Does your neighbor need a window washed or leaves raked? Additionally, Interfaith volunteer caregivers have many volunteer opportunities and are always welcoming new volunteers.

We will officially begin our Knit for Kids challenge for 2023-2024 on October 1. Our goal will be 125. There remains a need for sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves, and school age children's blankets which can be either knit, crochet or fleece size 36 inches by 42 inches. In the Wesley room you will find yarn that has been donated if cost is a problem and patterns. Let's go!

Marcia Hagen has returned from one mission trip to Guatemala with focus on vision health. She will return again now in October to be part of a team doing cataract surgery. This will be a first for Refuge International and Lions club international. Marcia has been instrumental in her efforts to get this organized. If you are working on pillowcase dresses she may be able to take a few on this second trip. We sent 15 with her on her September trip.

I have been in touch with my lead contact in Lodi that helps move forward the pads that we make for **Patricia Project**. As her group is aging and there is less interest they are going to quit making the pads. Because of this we will have **a final sewing day for Patricia project on November 8 from 10-3 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church basement**. It will be held there as we will be partnering with members from Home and Community Education (HCE) as they celebrate HCE week. This will allow us more room to do our work. The goal is to make as many pads as we can using up all our supplies. This will be our final sewing day for Patricia Project. Please mark your calendars now if you are interested in joining us.

PS. Temba Nkomozepe serving as a missionary at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia will be visiting our church to present his mission projects on Wednesday, Nov. 1. at 5 pm. Please pray and welcome him and hear his mission story.

Submitted by Charlene Galston



YOUTH MINISTRIES

October 2023

Happy Fall,

Psalm 74:16-17 reads: "The day is yours and yours also the night; you established the sun and the moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." Fall is one of the seasons I find myself praising God for creation and His salvation brought to the Earth.

The youth have a full fall. Families, please add each of these dates to your calendar and as always, please contact me with any questions.

- October 4th** Cain's apple orchard during youth group. We will return to church by 7pm. Please bring money if you wish to purchase anything in the gift shop.
- October 8th** Pancake breakfast after worship. We will serve pancakes, sausage and home made applesauce from the apples we picked at Cain's.
- October 11th** The youth will participate in a progressive worship. We will travel between different homes enjoying a meal course and discussion. We will return to church by 7pm.
- October 18th** Regular youth group. 5:30-6 fellowship. 6-7 faith discussion.
- October 22nd** The youth will go to Hidden Trails Corn Maze in West Salem. Please bring money for lunch. We will stop and eat prior to getting to the Corn Maze. We will be back to the church between 4-430pm
- October 25th** The youth will provide Wednesday Night Connections Dinner.
- October 31st** The church is hosting Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. Anyone is welcome to decorate a car trunk and pass out candy. We are asking for candy or monetary donations for candy to help supply candy to those participating.

Notes will be sent home with more specific information. If you do not receive one and would like to, please contact me for a copy.

Blessings

Suzanne Goldsmith

BRF UMC Youth Director

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From your BRF UMC Finance Committee



This October 2023 Update will give you the status of Church finances through the first 9 months of 2023

As of 08/15/2023, our general fund account balance of.....
\$29,376

We have had income over the first 7 months of **\$167,437**

We have had expenses over the first 7 months of.....**\$180,839**

We made a payment towards our Conference Apportionments of \$7000 in Sept 23

We have made a total of **\$14,000** in payments for 2023, we want to be sure and make our Conference Apportionments paid by the end of the year (**\$21,042** total)

We are maintaining expenses versus income for the first 8 months of 2023 as you can see

We still have a segregated "Building Fund" Account locally of**\$7,971**

We do not use this building found 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 **\$141,016**. 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.

Your support of this church is so valuable in maintaining the ministries of our church.

We ask that you continue your pledges and offerings so we can continue to serve our Church members and our community. We are seeing some pledged amounts for 2023 that have not been submitted yet.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Howard Gomer - Chairperson





Update from Board of Trustees

The past few months have been focused on looking at upgrading our audio and visual systems. What we have now has been getting us by, but there is a definite need for improvement. We are down to only one projector and who knows how long that one will hold out, sound is not perfect and the equipment is difficult at times to get the results desired.

Dynamic Audio of Black River has met with us and the people who use this equipment to get a feel for what can be done. His original quote was for a complete makeover of new projectors, sound system upgrades, additional camera for better coverage of our Sunday service as well as special events, and new mic's and related equipment for better sound output.

The complete package including installation came in at **\$75,915**. Dynamic Audio would take care of all warranty issues, and any service work should any problems arise, as well as training our people who will be using the equipment. After a little sticker shock it was agreed at this time to start as basic as we can and hopefully build to a full high quality system when we can.

As we all know money is tight and things like this are always nice to have but difficult to purchase. For now we are focused on the projectors and some sound enhancement. **We could still be looking at \$40-45,000.** Granted there may be less expensive equipment out there but, not always reliable. We will continue to pursue the best we can get based on our ability to pay.

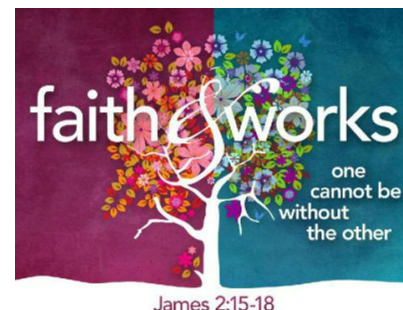
A fund raiser is always an option and will take a little time to put together. Always open for ideas and any donations are always welcome.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts.

Pat Moe, Board of Trustees

I can be reached at mrmoe6869@gmail.com

Thank you



Trustee Ministry



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to Members and Friends of UWF,
To UWF Members and Friends,



The Fall season is a busy time for UWF. Our September 11 monthly meeting started with an evening meal gathering. We encouraged use of a Bring Your Own “environmentally friendly packaged” Supper to go along with our program on how we can work alongside climate change.

Andrew Epps joined us via Zoom to share his experiences and knowledge on how his work in urban and community development represents how climate justice is more than just climate change. It is also about people and relationships and developing strong, resilient communities. Andrew touched on some of his work as a member of the team at the non-profit organization, Sweet Water Foundation, in Chicago. He shared his work on projects that are uniting the community, offering career development, and are respectful and responsive to environmental efforts to grow and expand passion and experiences within communities on how to make big impacts by thinking small. Our local unit will be asking the question within our unit on what we can do to make a difference.

Continuing UWF work on the district level, the North Central District held its Annual Fall Gathering at the Port Edwards UMC on September 16, 2023. Carol Anderson and Carol Hornby from our local unit attended the gathering. The Key Note message was presented via video by Reverend Janet Wolfe. Reverend Wolfe gave the message at Assembly in August 2022 in Orlando, Florida. Janet’s inspiring and powerful message challenged us to help end racism through community outreach in each of our communities. How can our own local unit work in our community to end racism?

Carol Anderson and Carol Hornby retired from their many years of service to the District UMW, now UWF. The District is looking for a Treasurer and team members to serve on the Nominations Committee. If you are interested, contact Carol or Carol. We thank Carol and Carol for their many years of leadership contributions on both the local and district level.

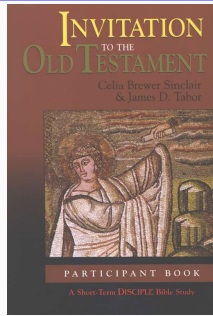
Members of our own unit who passed away since our 2022 Annual Gathering, Gertrude Bue, Karen Dolsey, and Elaine Know, were memorialized along with sisters from other district units as a part of this spiritual-filled day.

All women are invited to join us on **Monday, October 2 at 5:30pm** in the Wesley Room for our monthly meeting. Following devotions, **Chris Stewart** will share information on her position as Community Health Worker with the School District of Black River Falls. We will then be making and packaging environmentally friendly clothes detergent to be shared with families that Chris works with. We will be involving the congregation in this project, as well, so on Sunday, October 8, you have the opportunity to support local families through this project.

Go Forward with God’s Blessing,

Luane Meyer





Invitation to the Old Testament

This ongoing bible study meets Thursday's at **7:00 PM** in the **Library**.

Please feel to join and if you have any questions, please contact **Paula Voskuil** for more details.

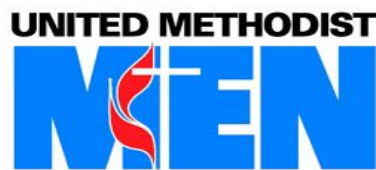
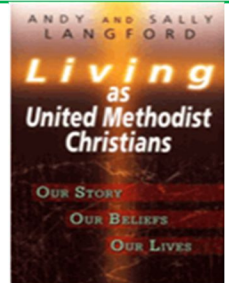


Want to know about the Methodist?

Living as United Methodist Christians

Ongoing bible study that meets Sunday's at **10:30 AM** in the **Keefe Room**.

Please feel free to join and if you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Shon** for more details.



October 7th at 8:00 am
at Sunnyside Cafe

THANK YOU to those that helped with tree trimming/
removal/cleanup in the east parking lot!

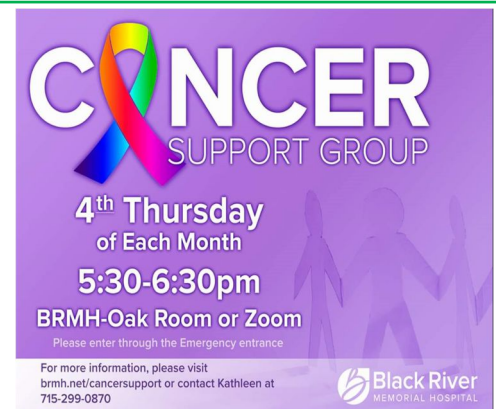
Greetings Faith Community -

I am sharing information about our local Cancer Support Group, led by cancer survivor Kathleen Clemons. Kathleen is a passionate member of our community and works as an exercise physiologist for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Kathleen has been working hard for a couple of years to get this support group going but participation has been low.

The group meets the 4th Thursday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at Black River Memorial Hospital. The group will be meeting this Thursday, September 28th.

The topic for this month is factors that help with resilience. Reach out to Kathleen with any questions, kathleen.clemons@ho-chunk.com



CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Praising God through Music



To continue our excellence in music ministry, Black River Falls United Methodist Church is seeking 1-2 persons to serve as pianist and as coordinator and director of our music program.

***Pianist** position is a 2-4 hour/week position serving currently for Sunday morning worship.

***Director of Music** requires training and experience in music performance as well as familiarity with Christian music. This is part-time and would consist of 6-10 hours/week. Enthusiasm and creativity are encouraged.



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



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 the church office know or send email to brfumc@gmail.com.



It is less than two months until Christmas. I know that seems like a long way off, but sometimes it is easier to spread out spending on gift buying over a period of time instead of doing it all during the same month. One easy way to do gift giving is to give Scrip Cards. We carry cards for approximately twenty five vendors. These you can purchase at church on Sunday mornings or by calling Marcia at 715-284-3346. We also have a list of 500 or so other vendors, across the country, that have cards that can be ordered for your use or giving. Stop or call to see what is available.

So, it is time to start making your list and checking it twice.

You can call me, Marcia, at 715-284-3346 if Sunday doesn't work for you.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 9 am World Communion Sunday	2 Women in Faith 5:30 PM	3	4 Wed. Connections 5 pm-6pm	5 Bible Study 7 pm	6	7 UMM 8am Reunion of Walk to Emmaus 12-4 pm
8 Worship 9 am Pancake Breakfast by Youth Bible Study 10:30am	9 Trustees 5 pm	10 Worship Comm. 5:30 pm Ad Council, 6:30 pm	11 Wed. Connections 5 pm-6 pm	12 Bible Study 7 pm	13	14
15 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am	16	17	18 Wed. Connections 5 pm-6 pm	19 Bible Study 7 pm	20	21
22 Youth Led Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am	23	24 SPRC 5:30 PM	25 Wed. Connections 5 pm-6 pm	26 Bible Study 7 pm	27	28
29 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 am	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5-7 pm	1 Wed. Connections 5 pm-6 pm Missionary Temba Nkomozepi from Zambia visit 5 pm	2 Bible Study 7 pm	3	4 UMM 8 am at church Lights Change at the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH:

Wednesday Connections 5 pm-6 pm
Youth Group 5:30 pm-7 pm
Confirmation Class 7 pm-8 pm