



JUNE 2021

# PATHWAYS

## Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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### June Worship Schedule

- June 6 - Celebration Service on Zoom at 8:30am, Sanctuary Service at 10:30am, RSVP required
- June 13 - Parking Lot Service at 9am Followed by Intergenerational Community Quest
- June 20 - Celebration Service on Zoom at 8:30am, Sanctuary Service at 10:30am, RSVP required
- June 27 - Parking Lot Service at 9am Followed by Intergenerational Community Quest

### Our Sister Church

For the past couple of years we have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with *Eternal Hope Ministry* (<https://eternalhopeministry.aplos.org/>), a Hmong community of faith. Eternal Hope's vision is to bring people together to share and proclaim the Word, and to have eternal hope in Jesus Christ. Their mission is focused on glorifying God through their ministry.

When they approached Pastor West about renting space from us, we knew that this was a God moment. And how right we were! Prior to COVID-19 finding its way to us, Eternal Hope utilized Celebration Hall and a few of our Sunday School rooms for their worship services. It has been a blessing watching their faith community grow and prosper.



Keep Eternal Hope in your prayers and get ready to welcome them back when they're ready

Like us, they have struggled to remain united during COVID while continuing to worship God. Currently 20 to 30 people are meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. Pastor Jerome asked if they would like to resume their in-person services in

Celebration Hall and they responded that they weren't quite ready to come back to the church building. Eternal Hope has been faithfully making their rent payments throughout the pandemic and they feel that is their responsibility, despite Pastor Jerome's offer to do things differently until COVID has left us. They asked for copies of our Covenant of Care so they can communicate our safety protocol to their faith community and prepare them for the eventual return to in-house services.

They also asked to be involved in our programs and many volunteered to assist with our spring cleanup!

### Message from the Reopening Team

The Reopening team has been meeting regularly since COVID found its way to us. Members of the team have worked together to creatively reconfigure our church experience in accordance with the guidelines set out for us from the Center for Disease Control. We are following this link to guide us: <https://covidactnow.org/us/wisconsin-wi-county/waukesha-county/?s=1746667>.

We can thank this team for our guidelines and protocols, working with the AV Tech Team to broadcast online services that reach folks across the globe, delivering our parking lot services that even our dogs enjoy, and the fortitude to find new ways to preach to the good news—amidst the pandemic. The decisions that come out of this team are prayed upon, discussed, debated, and discussed again before they are implemented by 15 disciples. We appreciate your patience and welcome your questions and/or concerns!

We are happy to announce the following decisions that came out of our May meeting:

- The capacity for in-person sanctuary services has been increased from 50 to 75. The Covenant of Care protocol will continue to be in effect. You can find a copy on our website ([www.ec-umc.com](http://www.ec-umc.com)).
- Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pews.
- Bulletins will be made available for sanctuary services.
- Small groups (10 or less) may now meet in Fellowship Hall or Chapel Lounge. Please refer to the 'Small Group Guidelines' for protocols to be followed. You will need to register to reserve a room prior to your meeting.



My Dear Emmanuel Community,

The Church celebrated Pentecost on May 23 still in the midst of COVID-19. Today I would invite you to engage in a spiritual reflection on the spirit and meaning of Pentecost.

Pentecost comes from the word *pentekoste*, the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Exod. 34:22), also known as the Feast of the First Fruits (Num. 28:26). The word simply means “fiftieth” and owes its usage to the fact that the feast was celebrated on the fiftieth day from the offering of the barley sheaf the first day after the Passover. It was a day of joy, praise, and thanksgiving, when the people of Israel brought before the Lord “the first fruits of the wheat harvest.” (Exod. 34:22)

God then used this existing imagery of the first harvest of the year as a fitting symbol for the first spiritual harvest of the Christian church, when the Holy Spirit was poured out more abundantly than ever before, and three thousand people were baptized on one day. (Acts 2:41) Following the ascension of Jesus and his glorification in heaven, this outpouring of the Spirit was the sudden, supernatural event that transformed the apostles from simple and obscure Galileans into a people of conviction and courage who would then transform the world.

Pentecost often is called the birthday of the church, the time that Christ’s followers (originally Jews and then later people of other cultures) were incorporated into God’s renewed community on earth, the Church. In obedience to Jesus’ command, the believers waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Spirit. This waiting was not passive, but involved fervent prayer, sincere repentance, and praise. When the day came, the believers “were all together in one place,” (Acts 2:1) in Jerusalem (city of Peace).

As we continue to celebrate this great Feast of the Holy Spirit, I have three prayerful insights for you to contemplate:

*A Spirit-Guided Church:* We learn from the Scriptures that the Church and the apostles were listening to God’s Spirit and guided by the Spirit through bringing the community of faith into being and its subsequent mission amidst persecution. It was out of this active waiting and listening that “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.” (Acts 2:4) In preaching, teaching, missioning, and serving, the entire community of simple persons was empowered by the Holy Spirit. That same Church today is still and always will be called to wait for the Spirit in earnest prayer and hope for the Spirit’s guidance on the

mission of the Church. Come Holy Spirit, we need you today!

*Gifts of the Holy Spirit:* Every Christian, NO MATTER WHAT their identity, cultural context or situation, is given gifts by the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit in her freedom bestows gifts and graces (charismas) for a purpose. Those gifts are given for the “common good” of all and for the building up of the body of Christ—the Church. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.” (1 Corinthians 12:8-10) My prayer is that by the power of the Spirit God will let everyone awaken to their own *charisma* and use it to serve the Lord’s Church and his kingdom in earnest.

*Fruit of the Spirit:* Jesus says, “Each tree is known by its fruits.” (Luke 6:44a) Witnesses of early Christian communities were known to the world by their works, what the apostle Paul called the Fruits of the Spirit. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” (Galatians 5:22-23) These values refer to a Pentecostal lifestyle of Christian community. In a world of woundedness and brokenness, this is the way we Christians are called to live no matter what happens. Fruit can only be possible if we are connected to the vine—the holy and blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. My prayer is that we let the harvest flourish in and through our local church.

Let us, then, witness, live, and engage in mission in the Spirit of Pentecost. Let the Holy Spirit be our guide in our journey of faith and mission. The Holy Spirit awaits, to transform all of us to be courageous disciples of Jesus Christ!

Blessed Pentecost my friends.  
Jerome Sahabandhu

## MISSIONS

### Honduras Mission Support

The first "post-covid", post hurricane mission team is going to Honduras (La Ceibita and Tocoa) the second week in June. This is primarily a medical mission run by our partner First UMC in Sullivan Illinois, but we are called to help with assembling toiletry kits to distribute. Here is what we need.

- Toothbrushes (kid and adult) Ask your dentist if they can donate some!
- Kids underwear

If everyone in the church can contribute just one item that would be wonderful!

Bring them to the parking lot service next Sunday or any time before June 4th. Just put your donations in the box between the south entryway doors to the narthex.

Muchas gracias!

### Becas Con Bendiciones (Scholarships with Blessings)

Through this mission, ECUMC provides financial assistance to Honduran students, who would not otherwise be able to attend public school. \$120 per student provides the shoes, uniforms, book bags etc. to make public education possible. We have been supporting 40 students each year.

#### Letters from Becas Students

*My name is Cesar Orellano. I am 17 years old and I am in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at the Armando Martinez Institute.*

*During the pandemic we have had homework and we send it to our teachers. We have not left the house to avoid getting infected and if today we had an emergency, we go out but with all of the biosecurity measures in order to take care of ourselves and others.*

*I want to thank God first for everything he gives us, because if it were not for him, we would not be here. And also, thank you for all for your help that you give us because it is a great blessing. Thank you also for the food that you gave us because it has been of great help and a blessing.*

*I will always be grateful for everything you have helped us with because that help that you give us is a great blessing for us.*

*Thank you very much and God protect you wherever you are.*

*God bless you.*

*Emmanuel*

*El Paraíso, El Paraíso, in the village of San Miguel*

*This letter is to greet you cordially and thank you for your wonderful help that you have given us during this year of the pandemic. This ugly pandemic has scared us all.*

*Here in Honduras, we are going through an economic crisis, and in all parts of the world. It is very unfortunate. That is why I ask you with my heart that you pray for us in the Becas con Bendición with dedication to each of the boys and girls. As well as my family, my parents, siblings, and grandparents.*

*Here in Honduras the classes have stopped but we are still doing homework through virtual classes. We are trusting God that all this happens to return to normal and to return to the classrooms.*

*My family and I are thankful for the help you have given us with the food, which was very helpful since work here is scarce. I know that God does not keep anything and that he multiplies it one hundred to one.*

*I am thankful to God because I am so close to fulfilling my dreams of graduating, and I am thankful to you because I have had the Becas con Bendición for 8 years, which is such a blessing.*

*And thanks to the scholarship I have learned to be responsible with my studies and to always be grateful. I know that it is not easy, but I thank you infinitely.*

*I say goodbye with a big hug and a handshake from a distance, trusting in God.*

*From your, Jennifer Oneyda Cerrato Dominguez*

### June Loose Coin Offering

The Gathering is a community of guests, volunteers, and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit. They provide ten to eleven free meals each week, cooked on-site at four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. They also offer services associated with ending hunger and homelessness and work to educate their community on hunger issues.



### Habitat for Humanity

Dates for our Interfaith Coalition house framing and siding are listed in the chart. Hours are 8:15am – 3pm, group size up to 5.

Location is still forthcoming but will be in the Midtown Neighborhood. Further details will follow soon. Volunteers will be asked to sign up for each volunteer day on Habitat's volunteer site <http://yhub.at/churchcoalition>. We will let you know when the site is ready to accept sign-ups.

#### Work Days.....

Saturday	June 19
Wednesday	June 23
Thursday	June 24
Friday	June 25
Saturday	June 26
Wednesday	June 30
Thursday	July 1
Friday	July 2
Wednesday	July 7
Thursday	July 8
Friday	July 9
Saturday	July 10

### Ingathering 2021

Early this year heavy thunderstorms pounded Kentucky, sending rivers over their banks, causing power outages, mudslides, road closures and water rescues. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center contributed 2088 UMCOR cleaning kits and 702 personal dignity kits to assist with the recovery effort. It is those same kits that churches in the Wisconsin Annual Conference are asked to put together for our annual Ingathering event in June. Your contributions to the Ingathering will help Midwest Mission Distribution Center replenish their supplies so they are prepared for the next disaster. ECUMC is collecting monetary donations to purchase items in bulk for the personal dignity kits. The kit includes bath hand towel, bath washcloth, adult toothbrush, bar of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and razor.

If you would like to donate, please make out your check to ECUMC with Ingathering 2021 in the memo line before June 14.

### YAHAS (Young at Heart and Spirit)

Are YOU interested?

All seniors are invited to join our group. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month.

RSVP by May 31st to...

Mary Jo Karnath  
262-253-4154 or  
Dorothy Nienow  
262-251-5048



### Summer Book Study – Evicted

Sometimes when you're trying to understand a social problem you can get lost in a barrage of facts and expert opinions, and at the end you're still not sure what the source of the problem is. Matthew Desmond took a different route to understanding the problem of affordable housing and homelessness in Milwaukee. He spent months living among people with housing problems and documented their experiences. Then he published his findings in a book called *Evicted*, which won a Pulitzer prize for its vivid portrayal of housing issues in Milwaukee.

This summer the Crosstalk group will study *Evicted* over six Tuesdays beginning June 8th at 7:30pm. The book discussions on Zoom are open to anyone who is interested in understanding housing issues more fully through this very readable book. Contact Doug Walters at [doug3walters@gmail.com](mailto:doug3walters@gmail.com) if you would like to receive the Zoom link for this study.

### Church Council

Your Church Council follows the United Methodist Book of Discipline by envisioning, planning, implementing and annually evaluating the mission and ministry of our church. The Council is made up of our Pastors and staff, administrative teams (finance, financial stewardship, lay development and nominations, members-at-large, lay delegates to annual conference, staff/pastor-parish relations, and trustees), our ministry teams (AV tech, children's ministry, green team, intergenerational ministry, marketing, missions, music, women's ministry, and youth) and other ad hoc teams such as our Scrip program. We meet on the third Monday of each month to share our program successes with each other, brainstorm ways to best serve our faith community, and pray together. You are welcome to sit in at any time!

In April we broke from our traditional agenda to discuss the health of our church community. We divided up into three teams and were tasked with answering these questions:

Group 1: COVID-19 forced us to "be church" without buildings. What has this revealed about the nature of community? About the value of buildings? Where are our disciples? As we go back into our buildings, how can things be different? Why must they be?

Group 2: In light of what we have learned, what values, ideas, traditions, habits should we let go of? Which should we keep? What really matters? And why?

Group 3: How did we treat technology (and social media) a year ago? How do we do technology now? Has it changed? Has it grown? Has it increased in priority? How are we going to keep/change our level of technology after COVID-19?





Group 1: We've missed meeting in person, listening to our amazing choir, and sharing a cup of coffee with others. The technology introduced during the pandemic (Zoom and YouTube) leaves some in the margins, and we're concerned about how to reach out to them. The 175th Jubilee will be a great way to engage with them. We're hoping that once things quiet down people won't be hesitant to get involved and will want to be a part of what's going on. Things don't have to be that different. It'll take some time. We've been patient for a year now, we can continue.

**Group 3:** A year ago we took technology for granted. We didn't heavily push it out and we weren't aggressively taking advantage of it. We were forced to be more inventive how we 'church' ourselves. It doesn't replace the ability to pat someone on the shoulder ... we still miss the human factor of being together, but technology helps get us through. Technology allows us to 'church' when we can and where we can. If I want to go out for a bike ride with my family, I can do this and then 'church' later. We're reaching across the globe with our streaming services. We need to find ways to continue to reach those that feel comfortable with this way of 'churching' as well as those that prefer the traditional approach.

Mary Volmer, Church Council Chair

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At the beginning of the year Pastor Jerome formed a Visioning and Strategic Planning team to answer the call to a radically inclusive community offering a ministry of reconciliation and justice through the Holy Spirit. The team meets every three months and plans current, short-term and long-term objectives to meet our mission and the future of ECUMC.

We've met twice and are beginning to gain traction in our goals and initiatives. You are more than welcome to join us in prayer, discussion, or inspiration. We encourage you to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to grow our faith community and explore new ways of being "the church" in 2021 and beyond.

## 175th Jubilee, May Events

Come find the ECUMC Jubilee Booth at Falls Memorial Fest! We will be located on the north side of Main Street between the falls and Appleton Ave. This is your chance to get your Jubilee Bag, hang out and spread the word about Emmanuel Community!

the "old Red church" site, on the northwest corner of Roosevelt and Appleton Avenues. Jan and Rick Kohlmann will be around to show you the area.

**\*Zion Cemetery Picnic, May 30, Noon – 2pm.**  
Plan a picnic at the Zion Cemetery, 3402 Willow Creek Rd, Colgate, WI 53017. If you have never been to this beautiful country church and cemetery, you should come. Bring your own lunch. Lemonade and water will be provided. (No bathroom facilities.)

### **Making it Through: With God's Help**

This pandemic has provided me with opportunities for growth that I would never have had otherwise.

I have learned how to stay in contact with my church family other than in-person on Sundays.

I have also learned patience, new ways for outreach to our community and Serenity.

The opportunity to serve took place with our Sew and Sews group. We started to make face masks when it became hard to purchase them in stores. We needed to find out who needed them and how to distribute the masks. It was a team effort coordinated by Virginia Paterson. We still were doing our outreach even though we were in a quarantine.

I acquired patience when learning communication skills like Zoom and texting so I could keep in contact with my family and church members.

Practicing Serenity became a way of life for me. After not feeling well for 6 months, I was diagnosed with CML Leukemia. I heard God speak to me, "Let Go And Let God" take me through this cancer. After six weeks of chemo, I am now in remission. The love and support I have received from my church community has been overwhelming. Every day I repeat the Serenity Prayer. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

This pandemic has been another life journey that has strengthened my faith.

*Karen Kronschnabl*

### **Books Between Bites**

Yes! We are meeting in-person once again! It was wonderful seeing all of us together in May.

Our June selection will be, *Educated a memoir by Tara Westover*. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on June 18 at 12pm. See you then.

### **Help India**

Forrest Wells, our District Superintendent at the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church, has appealed to us to help India in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. India is witnessing a second wave of the pandemic with almost 4,000 deaths being recorded daily. If you would like to

make a monetary donation please send money to ECUMC with "India – COVID-19" in the memo line. Thank you!

### **Green Team Menomonee Falls Cleanup**

On April 24, members of our Green Team joined others in our Menomonee Falls community to remove trash from our river system during the 26th Annual Milwaukee Riverkeepers Spring Cleanup.



Pictured are Doug Walters (Green Team Leader), Sam & Lisa Mass

This event was organized by Milwaukee Riverkeepers and sponsored by Waste Management. One of the Green Team's 2021 goals is to connect their ministry of caring for God's creation with our faith community. If you would like to learn more about the Green Team, reach out to Doug Walters ([doug3walters@gmail.com](mailto:doug3walters@gmail.com)).

### **Church Treasurer Needed**

Don Morell has been serving as our church since Mark and Cindy Van Cleave moved to Florida last summer. Now Don and Barb Morell are planning a move this summer to Madison to be near to their kids and grandchildren, so we are in search of a new Treasurer.

The treasurer's job takes approximately 20-35 hours per month. It requires a working knowledge of basic accounting, ability to work with QuickBooks, attend Finance meetings and Interface with our outside accountant. A detailed description of the job is available. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Anne Weiland, Nominations Chair. [aweiland5@gmail.com](mailto:aweiland5@gmail.com) or 262-424-8480

### **Reconciling Group Offers Book Discussions this Summer**

In an effort to educate ourselves about the tumultuous issue that may divide the United Methodist Church, the Reconciling Group will hold three book discussions this summer.

On Sunday, June 20, from 11:30am to 1pm, the group will talk about a fiction book *This is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. On Sunday, July 11 from 11:30am to 1pm, a non-fiction book, *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater, should lead to some interesting ideas. Finally, in August, on Saturday the 14th from 10:30am to Noon, the book *God and*

*the Gay Christian*" by Matthew Vines, could generate some deeply felt sharing.

The location for these get-togethers will be at the church, either the parking lot, or possibly inside. This decision will be made closer to the event. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings, whether you have read the books or not. (Maybe the discussions will spark your interest!)

Mission Statement of The Reconciling Group: *"The Reconciling Group of Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church in Menomonee Falls welcomes, affirms, and celebrates people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions."*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Karen Burzinski, Karenb@ec-umc.com

### Jesus Brings S'More Magic! Vacation Bible School 2021

The Children's Ministries Team has planned a magical month of VBS for preschool and elementary children and their families. Do you think it's possible to make s'mores in a home-made solar cooker? Pick up your first supply bag on Sunday, June 20 at the carport door to find out. Registration for VBS is required. Please follow the link on the ec-umc.com website to make reservations for family and friends.

### Enjoy the Magic of David Seebach, In our parking lot!

We'll end Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 25 with the illusions of magician David Seebach. Come for worship at 9am and stay for the magic show at 10:15am. Bring a lawn chair and your sunscreen. Reservations are not required, but they will help us plan to serve muffins, fruit, and drinks between the service and show. The link can be found on the church website, ec-umc.com. If you already made a reservation when registering for VBS, no need to make another. It's going to be a magical summer at ECUMC!

### Reconnect at Summer CQ Beginning June 13 to Sept. 12, 2021, 10am

Intergenerational Community Quest will resume this summer following parking lot worship services on the second & fourth Sundays of each month. You'll be treated to interactive, hands-on activities to help you reconnect with church family.

- June 13: Flower Arranging with Judy Newman. Bring one small, round flower vase per person or use one that will be provided.
- June 27: Sing-a-long with Bill and Ellen Follmann. Just bring your voices!
- July 11: Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet, a picture of a beloved pet, or your favorite stuffed animal.
- July 25: VBS Finale – The Magic of David Seebach!
- August 8: Bread Making in the Garden with the Green Team
- August 22: Make your own paper flowers with Lari Kons (the same ones that sold out the first day of Marketplace!) Bring a glue gun and scissors if you have them.
- September 12: Fall Kick-Off Event with lunch

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## **Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church, Pastor Memories**

### **Reverend Carly Kuntz, served, 2002-2012**

Dear friends,  
Here is an outstanding memory of my time at EC-UMC. At a staff meeting we began talking about Vacation Bible School. I suggested

holding VBS in Rotary Park during the supper and early evening hours as a way to attract families that had no connection to the congregation while caring for our church families. Karen Burzinski immediately began exploring options and ways to make that idea work. The first year, we held VBS in Rotary park we hosted seven children. Within a few years, due to Karen's hard work, Jeannie Berrall's enthusiasm and a lot of volunteers from the congregation EC hosted supper for 180 adults and children while holding classes for fifty children. Members of the congregation stepped up to make the food, set up the shelter, teach classes, offer first aid, make crafts with the children, talk with parents who were not connected to the congregation and share God's love with everyone who walked past the shelter. That was one of my most exhausting and happy times at Emmanuel Community.

Best Wishes in the Jubilee Celebration.

### **Reverend Wesley Falk, served 1997-2002**

My appointment began as the lead pastor of Emmanuel Church in 1997 with Susan Lockman. A few years later Susan Gaul was appointed when Susan Lockman was appointed elsewhere. Serving ECUMC until 2002 was a wonderful way to conclude my 35 years of pastoral ministry.

Before I arrived, Celebration Hall was constructed to provided space for larger gatherings such as the annual choir dinner show. The Kitchen Klub served the meal with music between the five dinner courses. These same choir members would be ready the next morning to lead worship with inspiring song. The Music program was a strong outreach that included Children, Youth & Adult vocal, handbell choirs, brass choir, Sunshine singers, and frequent solos every Sunday Morning.

The annual rummage sale preparations took weeks and was a community outreach as well. The church rooms were filled with items such as clothing, furniture, electronics, toys, books, decorations, and baked goods. People lined up a half hour before the doors opened to get their first pick. All of this was cleaned up in time for early Sunday morning worship. Celebration hall activities also included youth events, funeral meals, banquets, and the Mission Auction. On Sunday morning classrooms were filled with persons of all ages, led by an effective and dedicated Christian education department.

Youth Outreach included mission work camps like the Appalachian service project in Kentucky, an Indian reservation in the Dakotas and other local services. The Emmanuel Church bus was used often for transportation. Adults went on international trips like

Honduras VIM, conference projects to Camp Lucerne, and local projects like Habitat for Humanity.

Wilma Hampel, an active member, had been instrumental in the founding of Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee's inner city in 1961.

Several members have answered God's call to full-time church service. Krysta Deede and Claudia Deede completed Seminary at different times, serving as ordained elders being appointed to local churches by the Bishop. Amy Anderson is an ordained deacon, Susan Haller was our Parish Nurse, entered Seminary, and is a hospital chaplain. She was also conference Secretary. Having church members choose to serve the church as a career speaks volumes about the local congregation.

I am grateful to have been a part of this segment of Emmanuel's history.

Thanks be to God. Wesley Falk Pastor

### **Reverend Gary Cole served, 2013-2015**

The first thing I realized when I began my appointment was that Emmanuel has a tremendous heart for the poor and those in need. Members and friends very generously gave of their time, their skills, their money, and their prayers for our different ministries. One small event that touched my heart was when I and some children participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. My brother has suffered with MS for twenty years and is unable to walk or move his hands and unable to feed himself. I sent him a video of our Ice Bucket Challenge and he broke down in tears. At Emmanuel we wanted to make a difference in people's lives and we did in countless ways.

Rev Gary Cole

### **Reverend Amy Jo Anderson**

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
My most profound memories of life in the Emmanuel Family are from childhood. Sitting on the radiator outside Sunday School waiting for my mom to finish singing with the choir. Singing in the Angelus Choir, and swinging my arms in the big sleeves. Questioning my faith in my 20's and 30's. Turning back to Jesus in my 40's. I found love and acceptance from the women and men who mentored me as I walked along the path of Ordination. Nina Obradovich, Pastor Carly Kuntz, Mary Ann Stueber & Guenther Eisenmann, Pastor Wes, and many more. Each one set the example of how to live life in Christ, with Christ, and through Christ. More importantly they challenged me to Surrender All to God by accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I am grateful and will forever honor their belief in me as a Child of God set aside to lead in servant ministry outside of the church walls.

Peace my Friends,  
Rev. Amy Jo Anderson  
Streetlife Communities







## **Women in the United Methodist Church**

### **Remember**

From its earliest beginnings Methodists have recognized the important role of women as leaders in the church. In 1787, despite objections of some male preachers, John Wesley authorized Sarah Mallet to preach as long as "she proclaimed the doctrines and adhered to the disciplines that all Methodist preachers were expected to accept." Our history is rich with women who pushed the boundaries of women's roles and championed missions of social justice, education, evangelism and the welfare of the poor. When Isabella Bomefree, better known by her claimed name of Sojourner Truth, became an emancipated slave in 1827 she co-founded the Kingston Methodist church (New York) and went on to teach and preach her faith as a part of the abolitionist movement. But it was not until 1956 when the Methodist Church granted full rights to Women as clergy and Maud Keister Jensen became the first female ordained clergy. In 1980 Marjorie Mathews became the first woman to be elected bishop of The United Methodist Church in our own WI conference.

### **United Methodist women**

"Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society. In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and

Mrs. Edwin Parker, both missionaries' wives, returned home from India and began speaking to women about the dire health and educational needs of women and girls there. They organized. The word spread. Money was raised. The result was the first women's college and women's hospital in Asia. Likewise, in 1875, Lizzie Hoffman helped to form the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent. These and a host of other women's missionary societies flourished among the various Methodist denominations that later coalesced into the United Methodist Women, an organization of 800,000 members today, whose mission statement is "United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

### **Rejoice**

#### **Women at ECUMC**

Our own church archives hold records of Methodist Women's Society of World Service, a precursor to United Methodist Women, going back to 1947. They organized themselves around service and fellowship and, of course, food. They held bazaars to raise funds for service projects. They sewed comforters and towels for a hospital in New Mexico. Early on, they had required reading for self-improvement. They were a powerful force for social justice. Of course, the spring salad luncheon was a "do not miss" event. (I still miss it!)

#### **Northcott House – Started by Women**

Wilma Hampel, long-time Methodist and member of ECUMC, spearheaded the effort to create a community center in Milwaukee's inner core as a home mission project of the local Women's Society of Christian Service. Wilma and others (including Thelma Greg, mother of the late Judy Wille) were committed to alleviating poverty and promoting social justice in the inner city of Milwaukee.





In April 1960, the Northside Neighborhood House was accepted as a project of the Wisconsin WSCS. There was already another settlement house in Milwaukee named Neighborhood House so the decision was made to change the name to Northcott Neighborhood House in honor of the service of Bishop and Florence Northcott to the Wisconsin Conference. In December of 1961, they helped consecrate the project then located in a single room at the Hillside Housing Project. Later they would move to a storefront on Third Street and then build the current home on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Judy and Jerry Wille were instrumental leaders and board members at Northcott during these formative early years.

Northcott is a vital force today and has had a great impact through a number of neighborhood improvement efforts over the years including: youth athletic teams by former bucks player Bob Johnson, day care for neighborhood youth and a head start center from 1965-2009, Project Second Chance that helps adults to earn their GED's, a family resource center (Next to New Clothing) to provide clothing to those who could not afford anything, a food pantry, a highly successful training/apprentice program for ex-convicts.

### **Women in Local Leadership**

Did you know that ECUMC has supported and nurtured 6 women into elder or deacon roles? Most recently our own Tamara Schneider is training to become a missionary. For a time we

were known as the "chick church," the only Wisconsin UMC with all female pastors.

Opportunities for leadership and service for women abound at ECUMC. Under the leadership of Peg Heinen the Women's ministry nurtures our members through book studies, craft events and spiritual growth. The Sew N Sews, under the leadership of Ginny Patterson and Judy Newman have a prolific ministry of comforters, quilts, hygiene supplies and masks all focused on service to the underserved. Just as in the 1940's proceeds from the sale of their items supports many other ministries in the church, including the Jubilee celebrations! Many other women provide leadership and support in all areas of church life.

### **Re-engage**

If you are a woman, how can you develop your gifts of ministry? How can we support men and women on their faith journey?

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.umc.org/en/content/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history>





## PASTORS AVAILABLE

Even with our ongoing COVID-19 prevention protocols, Pastors Jerome & Sean are available to talk to or meet with any member of the congregation whenever you may need us.

To contact the pastors, please call:

**Church Office**  
Sheryl Amateau  
(262) 251-3830

**Pastor Jerome Sahabandhu**  
Lead Pastor  
(678) 308-0655

**Pastor Sean Cornell**  
Community Care Director  
(262) 853-9895

### **SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES FOR USING THE CHURCH BUILDING**

Our primary goal is to love one another and ensure the safety of all while forwarding the mission and ministries of the Church.

We covenant to care for one another as the Body of Christ. These temporary practices will allow us to meet together while protecting one another as best we can. These practices may change as new best practice information becomes available.

- Indoor, in-person meetings are limited to 10 attendees.
- Larger groups should meet (weather permitting) in the parking lot with physical distancing or via Zoom.
- Two large spaces are available for groups: Fellowship Hall/Library or the Chapel Lounge.
- Only one group may meet on any given day to allow for both cleaning/sanitizing and air exchange before the next use.
- Groups may need to be flexible with the meeting day or room choice.
- Chairs and table will be preset to maintain physical distancing; they should not be moved.
- Reservations must be made at least one week in advance to ensure proper cleaning and sanitizing. There is a Sign-up Genius on the website, in the weekly news letter ([Church@ec-umc.com](mailto:Church@ec-umc.com)) or call the church office (262-251-3830) with the following information:
  - Date and time
  - Purpose of meeting/name of group and contact person
  - Room requested (Chapel Lounge, Fellowship Hall/Library)
  - Number of participants possible
- Face masks are required for everyone in the building except when actively eating or drinking. Science supports that wearing a mask is one of the most important actions we can take to care for one another.
- You must enter using the main parking lot double doors. Entrance through the carport or Celebration Hall doors is not permitted. Please maintain physical distancing while you wait to enter the building.
- Everyone entering the building must sign in at the table at the entrance doors. If you are coming for a meeting that you know will be 60 or 90 minutes, it's fine to enter your sign-out time when signing in.
- The Men's Room and Woman's Room near the church office will be open. However, everyone should avoid using the church restroom as much as possible by using the facilities before coming to church. The restrooms will only be sanitized once a day, not between each use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entering and leaving the building.
- Outside food and drink may be brought in for individual consumption, with each person eating only what he or she brought.

★ You will need to register to reserve a room prior to your meeting. Simply click on the link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044aa4a923a1f85-church>



All *Pathways* announcements are due to the office by the 15th of the month prior.  
If you **do not** wish to receive *Pathways* via postal service, please inform the office, 262-251-3830.

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