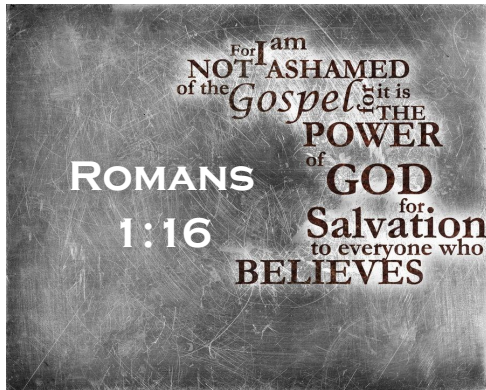


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PATHWAYS

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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The gospel is good news because it brings a person into the everlasting and ever-increasing joy of

Jesus Christ. He is not merely the rope that pulls us from the threatening waves; he is the solid beach under our feet, and the air in our lungs, and the beat of our heart, and the warm sun on our skin, and the song in our ears, and the arms of our beloved. —
"Desiring God" by John Piper

Congratulations, Class of 2022!

On May 15, between Worship Services, we'll be honoring our graduates with a reception in Celebration Hall. If you know of a high school or college graduate from the Class of 2022, please e-mail or call the office!

Be strong
and
courageous. Do not
be afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the
Lord your God will
be with you wherever
you go. — Joshua
1:9



Please join us on Mother's Day, May 8, at 8:30 AM for Celebration Worship to hear the beautiful voices of SLamm & JaMM! Between services at 9:30, join in for Intergenerational CQ!

On Mother's Day, it is important for all of us to rejoice with each other, and even those of us who are not mothers can give thanks for those who are mothers. Please remember that this day can be extremely difficult for some members in our congregation and in our community. Thank you to all the women of ECUMC who minister to us in each way you are able. You are loved and appreciated!



Scrip cards are the perfect gift for graduates, Moms, and Dads AND they help ECUMC! Simply go to: www.shopwithscrip.com, select "Join A Program" and enter code: 8BC7FB683681 for the Enrollment code. Then register. After you order, you can pay online (for a 15-cent fee) or place a check in Mary Klein's Mailbox (#19) with checks payable to ECUMC with "Scrip" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Klein at mary.klein1@gmail.com or (414)-550-2457. Thank you!

My Heart Strangely Warmed!

The month of May is an important one for Methodists all over the world. While attending a Moravian small group meeting at Aldersgate Street in London, John Wesley—the founder of the Methodist movement—felt his heart strangely warmed and found himself converted to Christ. This was after being raised in a Christian home, being an ordained pastor in the Church of England, starting the Methodist Movement, and having been a missionary to the colony of Georgia. He wrote in his journal that evening 284 years ago,

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, **I felt my heart strangely warmed**. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

Let me offer three reflections inspiring from Wesley's journal entry:

God works in our hearts: Our hearts are the field for divine mission and work. God is always reaching out to touch our hearts, to convert us to loving relationship with him if we are open to receiving him. Methodists believe that only such a heart-warming conversion to a life of love and holiness can lead to the transformation of the world into the loving and holy community God intends for it to be. This conversion (*teshuvah* in Hebrew and *metanoia* in Greek) means being moved by God's grace to make a U-turn toward God and the path of righteousness. While John Wesley experienced this transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit, this conversion can be either a dramatic experience or a process; what is important is that this transformation take place in our lives.

It is all the work of Christ: John Wesley was very much a Christ-centered person. He acknowledges that everything in the Christian life is the work of Jesus Christ our Lord. He trusted in Christ and in Christ alone for his salvation. It is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that brings us to salvation. We simply trust in him. As the apostle Paul wrote, "For it is by grace you have

been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast," (Ephesians 2:8-9).



The fire of divine love changes the world:

After May 24, 1738, the world was never the same! Wesley went on to preach in the open air and streets, he reached out to the poor and marginalized in the society, he organized spiritual and moral support meetings for coal miners, he travelled on horseback as far as Ireland to share the Gospel, he started the first-ever Methodist school at Kingswood in Bath, and he organized Class Meetings and other small groups where all Methodists publicly reflected on the question: *How it is with your Soul?* Out of the British Methodist movement Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, and their compatriots in ministry began overseas mission work to India, Sri Lanka, and the New World. All of what commenced at Aldersgate came to be a magnificent work of world mission, and it is now a world church today. We United Methodists have our share in that great cloud of witnesses and in the ongoing mission and ministry of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Body of Christ.

This year 2022, we celebrate the 284th anniversary of John Wesley's conversion at Aldersgate. Not for his sake, but because it is a model for us, showing how we are to open our hearts so that God, the Holy Spirit, can warm our hearts today. Like he did with Wesley, he can bring us to true and lasting conversion in Christ—and through that into the life of personal and social holiness.

Praise God for life and witness of his servant John Wesley. Happy Methodist May!

Jerome Sahabandhu

MISSIONS and MINISTRIES

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Wisconsin Annual Conference In-Gathering

We are preparing Personal Dignity Kits to be delivered to the WI Annual Conference on June 10 in Green Bay. These kits will be given out to families and individuals who are displaced from their homes by fire, flood, storms, and other natural and man-made disasters across the United States.

The kits consist of the following:

- 1 bath hand towel (no kitchen towels)
- 1 bath washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1 adult toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar of soap (3-4 ounces)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (15-18 ounces)
- 1 deodorant (2-30 ounce sticks, roll-on, or pump)

All items must be new and placed in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag.

In addition, there is a \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste. (Please do NOT include a razor or toothpaste in the bag).

Please bring your donations to the church by June 5. There is a bin in Fellowship Hall labeled *In-Gathering WAC 2022*.

If you would like to donate without shopping, please write a check in the amount of \$15 to WI Conference with "Ingathering Home Care Kit" in the memo line.



BOOKS BETWEEN BITES

Mary Jo Karnath; akarnath@wi.rr.com

"This Tender Land"

We will be reading "This Tender Land" in May by William Kent Krueger. Mary Jo is the hostess. We will meet at Ally's Bistro at 1:00 PM for lunch and discussion. Each person pays for their own lunch, and we will reserve a table in the back room. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo Karnath at (262) 253-4154

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Did you know that ECUMC has a long history of supporting and working with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity? After our pause during the pandemic, we will again offer our help to Habitat. There will be opportunities to give our financial support and to learn more about what Habitat of Humanity does in Milwaukee. There will also be chances to work with Habitat to build homes! Habitat for Humanity is beginning the "Build On Faith House" sponsored by the Church Coalition (which includes ECUMC!) on June 4. Keep an eye out for more information in upcoming eNews and bulletins!

Church Council has given permission for funds for the Scrip Account to be used for our Mission Team's work. Currently there is approximately \$2,800. After a deduction \$1,000, which is the cushion needed to order Scrip), the remaining \$1,800 could be used for Summerfield's Food Program, the Honduras program, Northcott Neighborhood House, or other programs we support. The Mission Committee will continue to meet and decide how to best use those funds. One of the first donations will be to Habitat for Humanity.

Please support the Scrip Program so that our church can continue to give to these worthy and important ministries!

Order forms can be found in the church office or directions to order online are included on the first page of this edition of Pathways.

Purchase ECUMC SCRIP Cards

ORDER (visit shopwithscrip.com for a list of over 700 retailers)
Please fill out and turn in form w/ check at the church office box #19.

Name _____ Ph # or Email _____

Vendor	Card Value	Qty	\$ Due

Total Due: \$ _____
(check payable to ECUMC w/ "Scrip Purchase" in memo)

Skip the paperwork and order online ANYTIME!!!

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select: Register

You can either pay for your cards online (for a small fee) or put a check in the church office, box #19.

You can drop off an order form with payment, or pick up the ordered cards at the church office, Box 19.

Questions? Please contact Mary Klein (mary.klein@gmail.com) 414-550-2457

STEWARSHIP

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POWERFUL RIPPLES

Ephesians 3:20: "Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us."

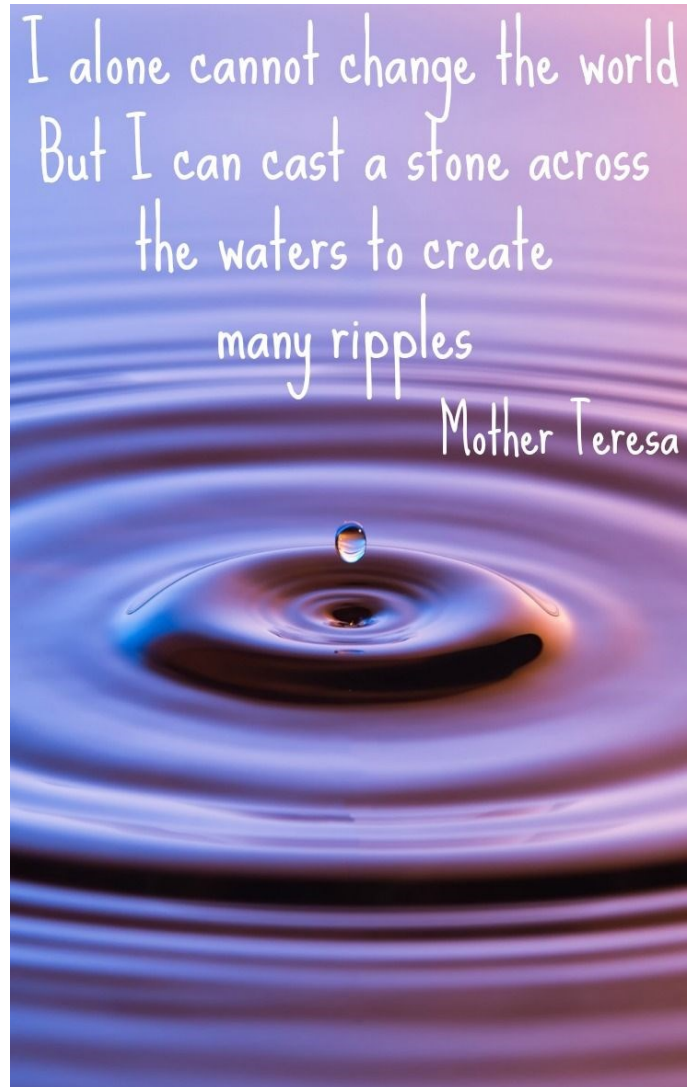


My son always enjoyed fishing as a child. You can imagine the excitement of a 5-year-old with a fishing rod! Besides fishing, he always had fun throwing rocks into the lake. He enjoyed seeing how far they could go and the ripples they created. That was a great teaching moment.

Do you know your words and actions are like these rocks? You do one thing, but it has a reaction much larger.

There is a church in our conference that received an estate gift in the mid 1990's for youth. The gift was \$5,000 and was invested at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. That gift has grown. In the last 25 years, over \$6,500 has been used for youth ministry! There is still almost \$7,000 in that fund today! Isn't it wonderful how one gift can affect youth for years?

Isn't it wonderful that one gift is a much larger action than the original giver could have ever known? How are you giving to the church with your time, talents, and treasures? What ripple effect will it have now and in the future?



Rev. Krystal Goodger, WUMF
Adapted by Anna M. Thompson,
Stewardship Chair

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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SUNDAE SUNDAY AND MARKETPLACE MAY 22, 2022

Make your own brownie sundae and then visit our children and youth as they sell their handmade crafts! It's going to be another great Sunday together! Register to sell by calling the church office or using this SignUp Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a8ac2da0ffc34-market>

If you're able to help donate some delicious ice cream toppings, let us know what you'd like to bring by calling the church office or using this SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a8ac2da0ffc34-sundae>



Note:
These links might be called SignUp Genius Links, but

sometimes they're not very cooperative. You might have to cut and paste the link for it to work.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SINGING SCHEDULE

May 1: Sunday School 9:30 — 10:30 AM

May 8: Children sing at 8:30 AM Celebration Service and have Sunday School at 9:30.

May 15: Sunday school takes place between 9:30 — 10:30 AM. The children then sing at the 10:45 Sanctuary Service.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR MARKETPLACE

May 22: Sundae Sunday and Marketplace

May 29: Summer worship schedule begins. There will be ONE SERVICE ONLY starting at 9:00 AM, with no Sunday School. Watch for Intergenerational CQ opportunities on the 2nd Sundays of each month until fall!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022 DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

Children, youth, AND adults are invited to gather two nights a week for two weeks in July. We'll "Dive Into God's Word" with dinner, music, games, and crafts. Mark your calendars now and then watch for more information in the next few weeks regarding registration. We'd love to have you join us with your other friends and relatives! The Children's Team has chosen four different weeknights with the hopes that everyone can participate in at least one night. Here is the schedule:

Monday, July 11, 5:30 — 7:15 PM at ECUMC

Wednesday, July 13, 5:30 — 7:15 PM at ECUMC

Tuesday, July 19, 5:30 — 7:15 PM at ECUMC

Thursday, July 21, at Menomonee Park. Join us for BEACH NIGHT! Arrive as early as you'd like. Dinner and activities will take place between 5:00 and 7:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact: Bill Follmann; BillF@ec-umc.com

The 2022 Confirmation Class was officially welcomed into the Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 24. The Confirmation Class worked very hard and we're very proud of you! Thank you to all the parents, mentors, and ministry team members who helped this year. Congratulations!

With Christian Love,

Bill Follmann and Pastor Jerome



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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Women's Ministry Book Club

The book club meets at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays through June 1 in Fellowship Hall. Join us for some lively discussion and suggestions for your summer vacation books!

Women's Ministry Craft Morning

The next Craft Day is May 21 from 9 AM to 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your unfinished projects or get ideas for your next project! This is the last time we'll meet until September!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the May Calendar or call the Office for the weekly Bible Study opportunities! We usually meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall or on Fridays via Zoom, with the exception of a few days toward the middle of May. Drop in for whatever interests you!

CONFERENCE NEWS

The Wisconsin Annual Conference will be held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay June 10 – June 13, 2022. Please pray for all those attending the conference.

Please also see the article on page 3 about the hygiene kits we are putting together to be taken to the Conference.



**Ingathering at
Annual Conference 2022**



GREEN TEAM

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Three Ways to Win

An opportunity is coming up on May 18th to help yourself, our environment and a mission outreach of our church – three ways to win! On May 18th at 5:30 United Methodist Children's Services will sponsor a presentation by Carolyn Carter, a raw vegan chef, on how to prepare healthy economical meals and awaken your spirit through the power of plant-based foods. This would be a great follow-up to our discussion at the Earth Week worship service about how a plant-rich diet helps the earth. You can register for this free presentation at the UMCS website or call Bonny or Doug Walters at 262-628-0710.

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OLD FASHIONED 50s PICNIC

Our next meeting will be on May 19. We will have a Sock Hop, so wear your poodle skirts and bobby socks! Virginia and Tom will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers outside. Please bring a dish to share. Virginia will bring her bag of old fashioned team games to play and of course EVERYONE will win a prize! It's time to have a little fun, laughter, and fellowship! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor Jerome's office or contact Virginia Patterson.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS!

Judy Newman; Newman9641@aol.com

Consider donating Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of God's blessings in your life. We can place them in Celebration Hall and then move them to the Sanctuary so that everyone can enjoy them on the Sunday of your choice! Contact the office or Judy Newman, sign up on the chart in the Narthex, or use the 2022 Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4aaba82fa2ff2-ecumc>

ALL MEMBER CONTACT DATA UPDATE

Staying in touch with members is very important. Lately we have had mail returned to us (both e-mail and postal) because our beloved members and friends have moved.

We ask that if you are moving, changing phone numbers, or getting a new e-mail that you let us know as soon as possible!

If you are taking an extended trip, please let us know so that we can hold any mail which might be sent via the Post Office—but be sure to send us a postcard from your adventures!

There are 2 ways to do this.

- 1. Email the names, addresses, telephone contacts, and email to:
Church@ec-umc.com.***
- 2. Call the church at 262-251-3830 to update this information.***

Thank you for updating us!

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THE GIVING QUILT



This is a picture of a quilt. It's actually more than just a quilt. What could have been purchased to decorate a wall or cover a bed, has turned into what I now refer to as "The Giving Quilt".

Virginia Patterson shared this story with me at April's YAHA's event:

"An anonymous person bought this beautiful quilt for \$1,000. Instead of keeping it, they gave it back to the church to sell again. Another anonymous person bought the quilt by matching the \$1,000!"

I am continuously amazed by the generosity of ECUMC. This quilt is an example of your gifts of time, talent and treasure. It took somebody a lot of hours to make this quilt and they clearly have talent they like to share! Two other people shared their treasure!

When I interviewed for the Administrative Assistant position, I asked the members of SPRC what ECUMC was like. They all in their own way described it as a family, with each person being a valued member of the family. All of you bring your own time, talents, and treasures. ECUMC is like this

quilt. Each of you are a smaller piece of the whole church, lovingly woven together. Don't forget that no one piece is more important than the other. But complete, you can achieve vital and far-reaching things.

CLEAN UP, CLEAN UP ... EVERYBODY, EVERYWHERE!

On April 23 (or as I jokingly call it, "summer"), the sky and temperature were perfect for the ECUMC Clean Up Day!



Thank you to everyone who spent the day making the property beautiful and ready to enjoy! It looks great!

VACATION TIME

Some of your favorite programs might be taking a hiatus until Fall. If you're not sure when or where your group is meeting, please call the office!

COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

Are you getting a lot of postal mail from the church that you'd rather receive via e-mail? Will you help the church save money on postage? Please contact the office with your e-mail information. We'll switch you over to electronic communication. If you were receiving things via e-mail and now suddenly are not getting them, please let us know. We're finding that some of you have been unknowingly unsubscribed from MailChimp (the site we use to send out eNews and Pathways). We may need to send you a confirmation link, but we'll get you back on the list!

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 Communion Sunday 8:30am Celebration Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Worship Feedback Mtg. 10:45am Sanctuary Worship	2 9:30 Sew & Sews 6:30pm Ministry Teams	3 1:30pm Staff Meeting	4 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Trustees 7pm Women's Ministry Book Group	5 7pm Chancel Choir	6 OFFICE CLOSED 10am Bible Study	7
8 8:30am Celebration Worship 8:30am Children Sing 9:30am Interjen. CQ 10:45am Sanctuary Worship	9 3pm The Gathering 5:30pm Stewardship 6:30pm Children's Ministry 7pm Finance	10 1:30pm Staff meeting 6:30pm Sunday Schedule Task Force Meeting	11 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Women's Ministry Book Group	12 7pm Chancel Choir	13 OFFICE CLOSED 10am Bible Study	14
15 PATHWAYS DEADLINE 8:30am Celebration Worship 9:30am Graduate Recognition 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 Children Sing 10:45am Sanctuary Worship	16 9am Offering Counters 7pm Church Council	17 10am Community Care 1:30pm Staff meeting 6:30pm SPRC	18 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Women's Ministry Book Group	19 12pm YAHAS	20 OFFICE CLOSED 1pm Books Between Bites	21 9am Women's Ministry Crafts
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