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Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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Paving the Future of our Church!

What is the first thing you see as you turn into our church? **The DRIVEWAY.**

Trustees have been working to finding the right fit for improving our existing parking lot. So, we began researching a solution that would work for years not and not break the bank. What we found was that rather than a complete redo of the parking lot, we could perform a milling operation on our driveway. The milling is done by a large machine that scraps down about the first two inches of material off the top of the driveway surface. Then on the next pass return with new stone where needed to fill holes or lower spots, and then layer back 2-3 inches of new material to make it look like a brand-new asphalt without disturbing as much asphalt. During the layering, an industrial sealant is used to seal the two layers together and bind them together. Finally, they finish the job by painting the parking lines on the new topped material!

Work has already begun at the back of the parking lot. There will be a new dumpster pad installed the week of 6/6. The main parking lot will be unavailable 6/23-6/24 while they mill and repave it. Please park in the Aurora Parking Lot during this time if visiting church. The parking lot will be accessible again on Friday, June 25. **This work will not affect any Sundays.**

We will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses through eNews and Community News. Note that we will try to keep the impact to our daily activities to a minimum. Any concerns or questions, please contact Gary Morgan.

Proposal for Solar Energy at Emmanuel Community

Last fall we identified several opportunities to close our operating budget gap. One of those possibilities was to use our capital funds in reserve to install solar panels and significantly reduce our regular utility operating expenses. In January, Church Council authorized a task force to research the feasibility of a solar installation.

Since then, the Solar Task Force has met eight times and worked extensively with a non-profit solar consulting agency. Three of the four members of the task force have

experience with solar energy at their homes. We have sought to find a plan for solar energy at our church that financially benefits the church by reducing our church's energy costs, which may rise in the future. We also hope to benefit our natural environment by reducing the pollution caused by energy from fossil fuels.

During the past four months the task force has examined:

- Appropriate size of a solar energy installation and number of solar panels
- Options for placement of the installation and the impact of each placement
- Cost of different sized solar energy installations and the electrical energy savings to the church for each option
- Options for paying for a solar installation
- Environmental benefits of a solar installation

The task force now has a proposal that we feel offers the most long-term financial benefit to the church and accompanying environmental benefits. We also have a plan for paying for the solar installation. Our Finance Committee recommended to Church Council that we move forward with this project using a combination of funding sources including donations and the proceeds from the sale of the Zion church along with grants and federal subsidies. Prior to finalizing this decision, we are offering an informational meeting about this exciting project for the whole congregation to be informed.

Informational meeting: June 8, at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Solar Project Tax Sponsor

If ECUMC proceeds with the solar project, our costs will be greatly reduced if we can use a tax sponsor. Because as a church we do not pay taxes, we cannot take advantage of the substantial Federal tax credits available for solar installations, but a tax sponsor can. The tax sponsor pays for the solar panels up-front and enters into a loan agreement to be paid back by the church. The tax sponsor can then use those tax credits against their own tax liability and take advantage of depreciation of the panels. This is an opportunity to benefit the church and the individual/business who steps up to be the sponsor. If you would like more information, please contact Doug Walters (doug3walters@gmail.com).

Recover the Fire of Pentecost

Did you know that the Methodist tradition—of which our United Methodist Church is an integral part—gave birth to another tradition as well?

In the 1800s, as what is now the Midwest became more and more settled, and the frontier moved on across the country, our culture and society began to change. In the more urban and developed areas—Toledo, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, and other places—Methodist Christians began moving away from the camp-meetings and revivals that had been an integral part of their planting, growth, and development. Instead, they opted for a more formal style of worship along the lines of what John Wesley had originally insisted on for Sunday morning services. At the same time, in the more rural and less developed areas—like Menomonee Falls at that time—the camp-meeting and revival model continued to prevail.

For a time, these two styles and emphases were kept in balance; each feeding and being fed by the other. This was what Wesley had originally intended: a formal, dignified, and orderly Sunday service to edify the people called Methodists and to give proper glory and adoration to God almighty, together with supplemental gatherings—small groups, general conferences, revival preaching, etc.—to continue to inspire and inflame the Christian soul to, as Wesley put it, “spread Scriptural holiness across the land.”

Eventually, though, these groups split apart. On the one hand you had the more formal denominations that merged into the United Methodist Church here in the US and into the United Church of Canada in that country. On the other were the more revival focused denominations that merged into the Holiness and Pentecostal traditions.

You probably didn't know we were cousins to the Pentecostals, did you?

This split, though, has been detrimental to both sides. Our Pentecostal siblings in Christ have a tendency to go off with great vigor and enthusiasm, but without much grounding in either a detailed understanding of the doctrines of our faith or much focus on being a channel for God the Holy Spirit to use to transform the world and its systems according to the Gospel of Christ. We United Methodists, on the other hand, tend to be very focused on the moral and social application of the principles of the Christian faith, but lack the apostolic zeal of our more exuberant kin.

This was a problem John Wesley anticipated near the beginning of the Methodist movement. He said,

I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.



As we observe the holy day and season of Pentecost this month, I ask you to consider: Do you have the fire and power of the Holy Spirit in you—being lived out in your life? Do we as Emmanuel Community UMC have and live in this divine fire?

I am not by any means saying we should become Pentecostals—that would be swinging to an extreme. But we can and should learn from the common heritage we share with them, and recapture and reapply the elements of that shared heritage that their tradition has cherished, but we have neglected. Wesley continued, immediately after that last quote, by saying,

And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.

We need our doctrine, our spirit, and our discipline together to be fully grown and firmly grounded Methodist Christians.

How will you—and how will we—live those virtues, in the fire of the Holy Spirit, to spread Scriptural holiness across our land and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Pentecostal blessings,

Pastor Sean

**DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN**

- JOHN WESLEY



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members and friends of our congregation for supporting my work at Emmanuel. The past eight years have been a blessing to me for so many reasons. I have learned and grown right alongside you as I planned worship each week. I have stretched

myself to tackle new projects and events with the support of my colleagues and ministry team members. Best of all, I have gotten to know all of you in a way that has brought me joy beyond measure. While I am sad to leave my church position, I am excited for new opportunities in my professional career. I look forward to worshipping with you soon in the pews of the sanctuary or around a table in Celebration Hall.

Many Thanks,
Angie Sardina

Looking for volunteers!

Will you help keep the planter flowers watered this summer? If you can help, please use the following link to sign up for as many dates as you're available. Thanks so much for your service! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Prickett at debprickett@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FA5A82CA57-water3>

Prayer Requests

Did you know that you can now submit prayer requests through our website? Just visit <https://www.ec-umc.com/> and click the "Prayer Request" button on the homepage to get started. You decide how the information will be shared and if you would like to be contacted. All requests will be handled with the utmost privacy.

Sermons Available!

Copies of our sermons are now available in the wall rack next to the Upper Room devotional books in the narthex. If you prefer, we can email you copies or send them through postal mail. Please let Pastor Sean know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Volunteer Needed: Church Treasurer

Don Morell is moving, and we need somebody to fill his role. This position works with the Finance committee and the finances of the church. We have 3 temporary volunteers that are involved with other functions of the church filling in until a permanent treasurer can be found. We also have an accounting firm that does some of the financials and reports so this person would have assistance in those areas. If you know of anyone in the church or a friend who can fulfill this position, it will be a blessing to the church and especially the Finance committee. Please consider your time and talents in either filling this position or recommending someone. We are one church and need to keep our church strong spiritually and financially.

Thank you,
Rollin Kring

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2



The Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place June 10-13, 2022, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Please pray for all the attendees as they come together to ask for guidance, wisdom, and support. Help them to engage in meaningful discussion and to grow closer as a group to nurture the bonds of community.

MISSIONS and MINISTRIES

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Northcott Neighborhood House sent us a very nice letter to say "thank you in so many ways for your past support.... We appreciate your thoughtful hearts and giving hands—many came to wrap and give out gifts this past holiday. The Northcott Neighborhood House feeds thousands of families with fresh foods monthly; and during this pandemic we have never closed."

Further they invite all to **Milwaukee's 51st Anniversary Celebration of Juneteenth on June 19, 2022.**

Northcott Neighborhood House is located at the corner of Sixth and Wright Street, Milwaukee. The excitement kicks off with the Juneteenth Jubilee parade at 9:00 AM, followed by a street festival with plenty of vendors, music, and family activities.

They are not the only ones saying thank you. Please check out the Missions bulletin board in the hall outside Celebration Hall for information on mission work you all have been involved with—BECAS; Angel Tree; feeding families; donations of toys, coats, mittens and scarves, socks; local donations to Summerfield UMC in Milwaukee, Falls Food Pantry, Waukesha Christmas Parade fund; donations to Mayfield First UMC in Mayfield, KY; camperships and I could go on...

Psalms 112:9 "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever..."

Best Wishes to the ECUMC High School Class of 2022 Graduates!

Lauren Baker
Owen Buchholz
William Coad
Chloe Gequillana
Marisa Grzesiak
Amaya Harrell
Jonathan Haugstad
Abrielle Klawitter
Kyrie Kons

Samantha Neinas
Nicholas Peterson
Hailey Richards



175th Jubilee Scholarships

The Jubilee Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 175th Jubilee Scholarships. In their applications and references these high school seniors demonstrated a commitment to building relationships and community that celebrate differences among people and inclusiveness for all. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship toward their education after high school. Thank you to the selection committee of Dean Christianson, Bill and Susanne Gay, Doug Maschmann, and Linda Wager for selecting the following outstanding students:

Dhruv Ahuja
Kylie Bilello
Chloe Bosch
Emersyn Burich
Za'quell Coleman
Shreya Gupta
Jonathan Haugstad
Emma Levick
Kate Powell
Chassady Roberson
Thuy-Trinh Tran
Kaleb Trice
George Wasef
Gabriel Xiong
Kalli Young
Isabel Zdroik



Congratulations to Nicholas Peterson!

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation awarded Nicholas Peterson the \$500 WUMF Harvey Scholarship. He was chosen from among 83 applicants based on his strong involvement in the life of the church and community.

This scholarship was made possible by generous gifts given by donors. Congratulations, Nicholas!

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"Having gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."

—Melody Beattie

Life is Good because God is Great!

"Life is Good" is a registered and trademarked expression by the "Life is Good" people for whom, life is good. The "Life is Good" logo is a stick figure named Jake who wears a black beret, beatnik sunglasses, and flashes a giant grin. Jake is often posed in any number of activities that bring simple pleasures in life—hiking, surfing, flying a kite, or walking the dog.

"Life is Good" started as brothers Bert and John Jacobs hawked homemade novelty T-shirts in the Boston streets and door-to-door through college dorms. They were literally living in their van down by the river. They found their key to success when they printed 48 shirts of Jake over the saying, "Life is Good" for a 1994 street fair in Cambridge. The shirts sold out by noon. People were crazy for the simple and sunny philosophy. So much so, that the sincere and optimistic slogan has grown into an \$80 million-a-year merchandise line sold by 5,000 distributors in 14 countries.

One key to the success of "Life is Good" merchandise lies in the interpretation of those who own the products. Someone wearing the kayaking Jake shirt announces both his hobby and the simple pleasure that makes his life good. But cancer patients and survivors have also flocked to the merchandise line due to its simple, clear worldview. "Life is Good" is the hopeful battle cry of the cancer community and the celebration song of cancer survivors. There's a simple sense of truthfulness to the slogan which preserves its widespread appeal. There is a note of humility to the assertion—life isn't perfect or great, but it's good. We know there's plenty of bad in the world but find it better to focus on what's good. It is an affirmation of the here and now. Don't determine that you're going to be happy when you get the new car or the big promotion or when you meet that special person. You can decide that you're going to be happy today.

In the church, we have a similar saying, but I don't think that it's trademarked. "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good." This is more than an

observation, however. Among other things, it's a promise that our good God is with us and is active in our lives when we are struggling and in the valleys of life and when our hearts are full of the many blessings we have received, and we are filled with joy. Yes, life may be good, but if it is, it's because "God is good ... all the time."

Rev. Jason Mahnke, WUMF

adapted by Anna Thompson, Stewardship Chair

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SCRIP HAS A NEW NAME!

As of May 2, Shop with Scrip has changed its name to Raise Right! Everything about the program and the funds that we can earn for ECUMC is the same, but the website is now called RaiseRight. We will still be raising money for our Missions Work but using the Raise Right gift cards to shop. When you order RaiseRight gift cards, ECUMC gets a percentage of every dollar you spend. If you purchase a \$100 gift card to Metro Market, you get \$100 in groceries and the church gets \$4.00 for Missions work. There are hundreds of brands—just check out RaiseRight.com, or use an order form available at church.

Learn more by going online and checking out RaiseRight.com or contact Mary Klein (mary.klein1@gmail.com).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Building on Faith house that ECUMC is sponsoring is being built! Would you like to share a day this summer to work on the site? In June, the following days have openings for some volunteers: June 10, 11, 18, 24, and 25. Please contact Mary Klein if you have time and are interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact: Karen Burzinski; KarenB@ec-umc.com

Sundae Sunday and Market Place

Thank you for supporting our children and the children of Honduras with your Sundae Sunday and Market Place donations. Every day that children and adults are in fellowship with a purpose is a good day, and May 22 was exceptional! The \$528.00 our children raised will be given to the Missions Team to provide scholarships through BECAS, an organization which makes it possible for children to attend school by providing them with the required clothing, shoes, and books.

Vacation Bible School 2022

Dive Into God's Word

Register now and splash into summer fun! Children, youth, and adults are invited to gather two nights a week for two weeks in July to "Dive into God's Word". Every evening will begin with dinner and music then move into Bible lessons, games, and crafts. The Children's Team has chosen 4 different weeknights in the hopes that everyone can participate at least one night:

- + 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, Beach Night at Menomonee Park. Arrive as early as you like. Dinner and activities to be held 5:00–7:00 PM.

Summer Intergenerational Community Quest

Join the Children's Ministry Team the 2nd Sunday of each month for Intergenerational CQ following worship in Celebration Hall. It's a relaxed time to gather and learn together. Mark your calendar now for the following activities:

- June 12: "Where in the Church is...?"
- July 10: Blessing of the Animals
- August 14: Cooking Straight from the Garden!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

Let's Go Camping!

Emmanuel is going camping Aug 11–14. Sponsored by Youth ministries, we are looking to get Emmanuel outdoors and into the woods for a fun-filled weekend by Pine Lake in the Wilderness campground area. We have reserved a loop in the campground that has electricity to all sites and water to most. The cost is only \$50 per campsite for the weekend. Activities on site are swimming, canoeing, boating, volleyball, hiking and much more. Other amenities include a shower house with bathrooms only a short distance from the camp sites as well as a shelter to use in case of rain. So, see Bill to sign up, the sites are going quickly. If you are unable to attend, but, would like to sponsor a family, let me know as well. We will need to take care of our own meals, but, can work that schedule out as soon as we know who is coming. This is a great family, intergenerational event. The question to be answered on this camp-out is who can make the best smore?



Faith Study and Summer Activities

The Youth Ministries team is working on several activities for the summer in addition to camping in August. Please check your mail regularly for announcements on those events as they are firmed up.

In addition to that, I am looking to get a bible / faith study going for the summer once a week on a weeknight. Please let me know if this is something you would attend, it could be in-person or via Zoom. Let me know your willingness to participate and your preference on in-person or Zoom.

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>

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Tara Nooyen; taran@ec-umc.com

Some of our staff members are taking a few days of vacation and several church groups are on summer hiatus. Please call the church if you are not sure when an activity is taking place or you need to reach a staff member. We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures!

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Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–1 PM

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.**

Would you please consider switching to receiving eNews from the church instead of mail through the post office? With postage rates going up and in an effort to reduce paper use, we'd appreciate it if you'd allow us to keep you informed via e-mail instead. Please contact the office to get signed up. Thank you!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Women's Ministry Book Group	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 9:00 AM Celebration Worship Gratitude Sunday Pentecost Sunday 10:00 AM Breakfast	6 6:30 PM Ministry Teams	7 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Meeting	8 6:30 PM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Solar Energy Mtg.	9 6:30 PM Trustees	10 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Bible Study	11
12 Trinity Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 9:45 AM Intergenerational CQ	13 3:00 PM The Gathering 5:30 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Finance	14 10:30 AM Staff Mtg.	15 Pathways Deadline 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer Group	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Bible Study	18
19 Father's Day 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship	20 7:00 PM Church Council	21 10:30 AM Staff Mtg. 6:30 PM SPRC	22 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer Group	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Bible Study	25
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