



The Chimes

JUNE 2015

Friends,

From WAITING to INVITING

True, we are proud of being a WELCOMING CHURCH! Thankfully we have greeters every Sunday who enthusiastically welcome everyone who comes through the church doors. Most churches around us too are trying their best to be the welcoming church. It is so important that we lovingly receive worshippers, particularly those who are new.

However, what makes a church healthy and growing is not just the WAITING for others to come through our doors but to go out and INVITE others to Christ. Jesus is our example; he was always out on the field talking about love of God, caring for their souls and inviting them to follow him.

It is hard to talk about religion with our friends! It was not easy for Jesus' first disciples either to tell about Jesus or preach the Kingdom of God. What really made them to risk the opposition and be courageous to talk about Jesus? They were absolutely sure that they were not by themselves; they had Jesus on their side while they were in his business. Jesus said: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go *therefore*... I will be with you until the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18).

Jesus wants us to be his witnesses; be the sowers of the seed, the fishers of people. Waiting for others to come to our doors might disappoint us, be too frustrating. Stepping out to invite someone to Christ would be exciting, rewarding and bringing Joyful Harvest.

We need a culture of inviting. Let us learn talking about our faith; let us shed the fear of rejection. When we take courage and step up to invite others, we will be surprised how wonderfully God works in us! The Lord will be on our side when we live to witness to Jesus.

Blessing,

Harsha

EDUCATION WORK AREA

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 26-30 from 5:00 –7:45 PM. Please tell your neighbors and friends to bring their kids for this educational and social yearly tradition.

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MISSIONS WORK AREA

Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to all of you who ate at our pancake breakfast on May 17, we will be able to send \$397 to one of our yearly obligations . Hope to see you at the one in September.

Rescue Mission needs for month of June

Needs for summer programs: Color coded folders, loose leaf paper, notebooks, color markers, crayons (prefer Crayola), back packs, new or gently used.

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Women Fellowship and Friendship meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m at the Market Place restaurant. Just call

What is a Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but insteads picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

-Unknown

REMEMBER ME

Hello. Remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you --- because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading every one, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart --- remember?

And you, I remember, were standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute.

Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart -- remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I've added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now, somehow, I don't feel as proud as I used to feel.

When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around you shouting; they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around, and when he didn't see anybody else take off their hat, he quickly put his on again.

Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam!

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I'll know that you remembered.

I'll salute you by waving back!

By David C. Graham

Birthdays

June 29th will be our Birthday Celebration Day. Plan to attend (immediately following the 9:00 A.M service) for birthday cake, beverage, conversation and fellowship with other birthday people.

Scripture Readings for June, 2015

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Dates to Remember

Flag Day, June 14

Father's Day, June 21

First Day of Summer, June 21

Safe Haven Child Care is now licensed and want to invite any one who has Child Care need to call 414-301-9875.

Thank You

Milwaukee Dancing Grannies are sending this check to say thank you for letting us use your facility to practice. Without it we would probably have to be outside to practice in the winter and that wouldn't be much fun. Thank you again.

Milwaukee Dancing Grannies.

Thank You

God has blessed me with good health my whole life. Recently I had a set-back. I want to thank my church family for the beautiful cards and uplifting prayers that you sent my way.

Pastor Harsha, your visits were sincere and meaningful. Thank you for your love and support. The power of prayer works wonders.

Love,
Donna Lisowski

Wills & Estates

On April 28th Eric Churan from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation (WUMF) spoke to both the finance committee and the Ad/Council. He brought us up-to-date on a number of items about the trust funds the Foundation handles for our church. I thought I might bring some of the information to the congregation in this article.

Eric told us that the WUMF goes back 100 years, but it really took shape in 1964. \$400,000 was received by the annual conference from the sale of some Milwaukee property. In 1977, the WUMF became a separate entity from the Wisconsin annual conference. Its assets were \$500,000. Today, the WUMF's portfolio is valued a little more than \$115,000,000. There are 1,161 accounts for 228 Wisconsin churches and 166 Minnesota accounts.

The WUMF can responsibly invest a church's money; loan money to a church; help raise funds for a church building project; offer grants or scholarships to church youth; help with stewardship; lead seminars on wills & estate planning; and much more.

It offers investment services that include options for churches to pool funds while adhering to the United Methodist social principles. It also provides long-term investment programs of ministries, endowments, trustee funds and other permanent funds. The WUMF also avoids investments that support racial discrimination; violate human rights; gambling; production of nuclear arms; alcoholic beverages; tobacco; and pornography..

The WUMF offers an equity pool; a fixed income fund; and a church loan pooled fund. Our funds are divided into approximately 60% equity; 35% fixed; and 5% loan funds. The WUMF'S 37 year annualized return on a 50% fixed/50% equity fund mix has been 8.61% over the years, our church has benefited greatly from the service offered at the WUMF.

The history of our trust funds goes back to the early 1980's. By 1984 we had accumulated enough money to start utilizing the WUMF'S expertise. Our church's original trust (C370) was established in 1984 by a church member. In 1986 the youth trust (C399) was established

with a bequest from Don Bell's estate. Next the Lorraine Vierthaler fund (C420) was established in 1992. In 1995 the Ida Cox memorial fund (C547) was created. Then, in 2004, the Jankowski endowment fund (C1053) was started. In 2007 and 2008, bequests from the Zimmer and Brobst estates were made. A bequest from the Strieski estate was also made; and in 2014 Zimmer/Brobst/Strieski fund (C1261). Over the years, there have also been a few donations made to the original trust fund by church members.

Over the years, our church has used the interest earned from the trust funds at the foundation to support quite a few church projects and programs. Some of the principal has also enabled our church to maintain and update the church building and parsonage. While we rely on the day-to-day contributions from the congregation to support our church, the bequests made over the years have been a great help.

Eric Churan also spoke about a scholarship program that the foundation offers. We had not known about the program until Eric brought it to our attention. If you have a family member who is just entering a college, or attends a college, keep in mind that the scholarship program exists. Feel free to call Eric at the WUMF and ask for more information about your particular situation.

Finally, Eric and the staff at the foundation have the knowledge and resources you need to arrange a gift to our church both now or following your death. The Foundation is located in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Please call the church office at 762-6030 or the Foundation at (toll free) 1-888-903-9863 for more information. Thank you.

Mike Jankowski
Wills & Estates Committee

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